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EDITOR'S NOTE

Since the late 19th century, legal scholars, philosophers, and progressive reformers have struggled with how to keep children safe, and make them safer, in what sometimes seems an increasingly dangerous world. These struggles have resulted in a number of rights and protections being accorded to children, in theory giving them a voice where they would otherwise be without one. However, the time is ripe for a re-evaluation of what has been done in this area, how well it has worked, and whether significant changes are needed. It was just such a re-evaluation that the Journal sought to encourage at our *2004 Symposium on Children's Rights*; where scholars from multiple disciplines, as well as practitioners and members of the community, gathered to discuss the experience of children in family, welfare, dependency, juvenile court, and the health care systems.

In this issue we have compiled the remarks of our distinguished panelists in transcript format, which will allow our readers to share in the Symposium experience. Our readers will also find Dr. William Wenner's compelling article discussing medical research on children, which he presented live at the Symposium. Additionally, we have included in this issue a compilation of raw data detailing current case and statutory law concerning the status of children across the country.

I attribute the success of our Symposium to the entire Journal Staff. Planning the event would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Jennifer Rodriguez, our honorary Symposium Editor-at-Large, and the support provided by the Law School Alumni Office, Dean's Office, and IT Department. My personal thanks to Lori Kidd, Kathleen Ford, Professor Diane Marie Amann, Professor Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Jennifer Rodriguez, Myra Villamor, Deborah Sun, and our advisor Professor Martha West. And on behalf of the whole staff, I thank all of our Symposium participants for donating their time and energy to our cause.

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