

EDITOR'S NOTE

Every year, the Journal's staff works hard to select articles that not only would be of interest to our readers but also help shed light on some of the policy problems that inevitably appear in the dependency, criminal, and family law courts. This edition is no different. We have focused our efforts on practioners, including substituting what is normally our Children's Section with a Practioners Section for this issue. From Prof. William Patton and Amy Pellman's article on how federal law regarding adoption is impacting California's procedures to Prof. John Burrow's discussion of prosecutorial waiver in Michigan to Judge Gerald Hardcastle's analysis of the family court system to Melissa Jamison's exposure of how the U.S. military is treating juvenile detainees at Guatanamo Bay, Cuba, we hope we have provided insight to those who daily face the intricacies of juvenile law and policy. By highlighting the issues that practioners face, we hope the children working their way through the court system will be better served.

You may have noticed a cosmetic change to the Journal this year. We now print on 50 percent recycled paper, which required us to switch from our traditional pure white paper to a cream-colored paper

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on our board of editors and our student members for tirelessly working on this edition. I especially would like to thank Managing Editors Laura Eddy and Joanna Silverman for jumping in to help out whenever we needed an extra hand. We hope this issue challenges you to think beyond academics and see how federal and state policies regarding juvenile law ultimately impact children, those who historically and consistently have had to fight to be heard.

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