Editors’ Introduction

This issue marks the end of a transformative and productive year for the Journal. Following on the redesign of both our print edition and website, we will be launching a web-based publication Extra Legal in June 2013 to serve as a platform for both students and legal practitioners to showcase their legal scholarship in relevant, shorter pieces.

We took an unprecedented move for our organization and hosted two symposia this year. In October 2012, we partnered with the Alliance for Experiential Learning in the Law to co-host the inaugural symposium on experiential legal education entitled Experience the Future, which reached members of the academy throughout the United States and Canada. Volume 5, Number 2 will showcase many of the articles presented at the conference, with an expected publication date of Fall 2013.

The second symposium took place in March 2013 and was entitled Employed or Just Working? Rethinking Employment Relationships in the Global Economy. The event explored the limits of traditional employment relationships and addressed how law confers the status of “employee” on some workers and “independent contractor” on others, forcing many others outside the protections of our legal system altogether. The issue related to this event will be published in 2014.

This issue, however, is the culmination of a yearlong effort to further scholarly discourse on school bullying and the attendant legal issues. In March 2012, the Journal hosted its fourth annual symposium, entitled Pushed Too Far: The Evolving Legal Implications of School Bullying. The symposium brought practitioners, government officials, members of the legal academy, and students together for a daylong discussion on bullying, hazing, and the recent wave of legislation aimed at curbing this disturbing trend. A full introduction by Professor David M. Phillips to the articles and student note generated from the symposium follows.

The Journal also recently welcomed two new faculty advisors, Professors Daniel Givelber and Daniel Schaffer. Alongside Professors Michael Meltsner, David Phillips, and Sonia Rolland, Professors Givelber and Schaffer offered assistance and advice throughout the year, and we are truly grateful for their help.
Days before this issue was to be delivered to the printer, the entire Northeastern community was saddened to learn that Professor Schaffer had passed away. He was a beloved member of the faculty since 1970. The impact of his work already reaches the highest levels of the legal profession and will carry on for generations more. We will miss him. In appreciation for both Professor Schaffer’s work as the Journal’s advisor and his more than four decades of service to our Law School, we dedicate this issue to him.

The editorial board is grateful for everyone who had a hand in the production of this issue, but particularly we would like to thank our staff. They doubled their efforts this year, without complaint, and no major increase in their numbers. Unlike many law schools, staff members receive no academic credit for their tireless work throughout our turbulent school years.

As this editorial board’s tenure comes to a close, we are happy with the foundation we have laid for future Journal leaders. We know that they will maintain the Journal’s dedication to social justice and the public interest.

Editorial Board
Northeastern University Law Journal
June 2013