

# Editors' Notes

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As the Editors-in-Chief of the *Business Law Brief*, we set out with one goal in mind—to ensure that our audience is fully informed of the recent legal and procedural changes that are taking place in various areas of business law. This issue is special because we have taken advantage of the current economic crisis to help us fulfill this goal. Our country is embarking upon a transformation that will change the way real estate transactions are conducted, financed, and regulated. The developments will take place on local, municipal, state and federal levels. In order to better serve our audience, we asked some members and supporters of the Washington College of Law community to help us discuss the history of the real estate crisis and some of the implications it will have on other sectors of our economy.

We are also using this publication to further our commitment to improving the environment. This issue will be printed in accordance with the standards established by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) that are designed to eliminate hab-

itat destruction, water pollution, displacement of indigenous peoples and violence against people and wildlife that often accompanies logging. Achieving FSC Certification requires that every step of the printing process, from lumber gathering to transportation to printing sorting, comply with the chain of custody established by the FSC which runs a strict auditing system to maintain the integrity of their certification process.

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