

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We would like to thank everyone who made our inaugural issue a huge success. In the short time since our inception, we have grown a great deal. Our distribution for this issue has tripled and our staff has grown. Our reputation outside of the American University Washington College of Law community has also grown. Recently, we were invited to George Mason University's Civil Rights Law Journal Symposium. We are also regularly receiving outside submissions from students attending other law schools. Indeed, we have proven that a discourse on diversity and the law was not only necessary but also desired by many in the legal field. We have always been confident that we would be a success and are happy that after our first issue, our fellow law students, professors, and practitioners are taking part in the unique voice of *The Modern American*.

Our inaugural issue focused on "The State of Our Union," thus it is only appropriate that this issue focuses on "The Union's Response." Today, the United States government, more than any other entity, plays the unique role of "protector" and "persecutor" of underrepresented peoples. The focus of this issue is on the government's role in responding to the problems of minorities or in creating problems for minorities. *The Mod-*

ern American seeks to analyze both the positive and negative effects of the government's response to national security, sovereignty, and repairing past wrongs.

Again we would like to thank our advisers Professors Vincent Eng, Brenda Smith, Pamela Bridgewater, Jamin Raskin, and the Director of Diversity Services, Ms. Sherry Weaver. It is with great pleasure that we once again can say: Enjoy this issue of *The Modern American*.

Sincerely,

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The Modern American is American University Washington College of Law's student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law. This publication analyzes the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic, and other underrepresented people. We intend to present an analysis of the current social and legal remedies for minority issues. Our philosophy is to present a balanced perspective and encourage all viewpoints regardless of political or social leaning.

The Modern American is not just limited to legal issues, therefore we include other relevant information to educate the interested reader, such as an examination of upcoming legislation, upcoming books or movies relevant to the minority community, and/or a spotlight on interesting people who are heading legal and social change in the United States.

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