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EDITORS' NOTE

In February of 2007, the *Denver University Law Review* hosted a Symposium, entitled "Immigration: Both Sides of the Fence," at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. The Symposium attracted over 100 professors, students, practitioners, and public policy experts from across the United States who all share a common interest—immigration.

In discussing and choosing the topic of immigration, the Law Review Editorial Board was committed to presenting both sides of the immigration debate. Further, we wanted to have a high-level discussion, which we knew might be difficult with such an emotionally-charged topic. To that end, we invited experts with diverging opinions about immigration and the environment, national security, the rule of law, and the economy. And, we were thrilled with the results. This Symposium Issue of the *Law Review* consists of articles authored for the Symposium and reflects the varied opinions and lively discussion of the Symposium.

First, Richard Lamm, Co-Director of the Institute of Public Policy Studies at the University of Denver and former Governor of Colorado, in his article, *Immigration: The Ultimate Environmental Issue*, warns that, if immigration continues at its current rate, our environment will be in jeopardy. Governor Lamm also discusses illegal immigration and its effect on the economy, poverty, and health care.

Next, Brian Slocum, Assistant Professor of Law at Florida Coastal School of Law, in his article, *The War On Terrorism and the Extraterritorial Application of the Constitution in Immigration Law*, explores the "entry fiction" doctrine in immigration law. Professor Slocum predicts that if the Supreme Court recognizes that Guantanamo detainees have at least some constitutional rights, the "entry fiction" doctrine may end, which should lead to judicial recognition that some inadmissible aliens possess some constitutional rights, including rights against indefinite detention.

Kristina Campbell, Staff Attorney at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Los Angeles, Marlin Burke, an immigration attorney, and Matthew Parlow, Assistant Professor of Law at Chapman University School of Law, present competing views about what role local governments should have in regulating immigration. Ms. Campbell, in her article, *Local Illegal Immigration Relief Act Ordinances: A Legal, Policy, and Litigation Analysis*, and Mr. Burke, in his article, *Reexamining Immigration: Is It a Local or National Issue?*, argue against local regulation of illegal immigration. In contrast, Professor Parlow, in his article, *A Localist's Case for Decentralizing Immigration*

Policy, asserts that local government should be able to regulate immigration to supplement federal immigration regulation.

Matthew Wilson, Assistant Professor in the University of Denver's Economics Department, in his article, *The Economic Causes and Consequences of Mexican Immigration to the United States*, examines why Mexicans immigrate to the United States, and the impact of their immigration on the U.S. economy.

Marisa Cianciarulo, Assistant Professor of Law at Chapman University School of Law, and Regina Germain, Legal Director of the Rocky Mountain Survivors Center, both write from extensive experience in refugee and asylum law. Professor Cianciarulo, in her article, *Counterproductive and Counterintuitive Counterterrorism: The Post-September 11 Treatment of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers*, criticizes post-September 11 anti-terrorism legislation for erroneously targeting refugees and asylum-seekers. Ms. Germain, in her article, *Putting the "Form" in Immigration Court Reform*, challenges the Attorney General to institute procedural rules for immigration courts.

Finally, Dr. Saby Ghoshray of the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, in his article, *Is There a Human-Rights Dimension to Immigration?: Seeking Clarity Through the Prism of Morality and Human Survival*, highlights the importance of analyzing immigration through a human-rights perspective.

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