On behalf of the Chapman University community, welcome to the inaugural issue of the Diversity and Social Justice Forum.

Eighteen years ago, Chapman University President L. Doti wrote in his Introductory Letter to the inaugural issue of the Chapman Law Review that Chapman’s vision “is rooted in the law school’s mission to provide personalized education in a challenging academic environment that stimulates intellectual inquiry, embraces diverse ideas, and viewpoints, and fosters competent, ethical lawyering.”

The launch of the Diversity and Social Justice Forum marks another milestone in the twenty-one years of Chapman Law School’s existence. This publication is not intended to be a traditional law review. It is a forum for practice-oriented conversations about diversity, social justice, and the law.

We thank Chancellor Daniele Struppa for his strong support of the Diversity Initiative, and all our advisors and well-wishers among the faculty and staff at the Law School.

We are also indebted to the efforts of all the Chapman students, especially the members of the Founding Executive Board, who conceived of the Diversity and Social Justice Forum, and organized a Symposium that brought prominent civil liberty advocates to Chapman.

— April Cristal
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