

THE DEAN'S WELCOME

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Welcome to the second publication by our Diversity & Social Justice Forum. At the Fowler School of Law, we are deeply committed to fostering a welcoming and supportive environment that enables each student to succeed. This means, among other things, developing an academic program that is not only rigorous but also relevant, creating opportunities for students to gain skills by engaging with the many communities that we serve, and encouraging thoughtful innovation in tackling new and complex problems of society. Perhaps most of all, it means bringing together a diverse and dedicated group of faculty and students that will make the achievement of these goals both possible and worthwhile.

It is, therefore, unsurprising that when a group of students proposed starting this journal two years ago, the idea was embraced by the faculty and the Fowler Law community more generally. Since its launch, our Diversity & Social Justice Forum has accomplished a great deal: three symposia and, now, its second publication. As our society struggles to discuss complicated issues of law and policy, we are proud of the Diversity & Social Justice Forum for living out its mission to “promote a climate of engagement and dialogue with a wide spectrum of views and values.” Indeed, during these times, this type of medium for discussions of diversity, inclusion, and social justice makes a significant contribution to civic discourse.

Best,

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