

## Editors' Note

This past year, the API community continued its recovery from not only the reverberating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also from the effects of growing Asian hate. The five pieces highlighted in Volume 29 reflect on various events in our nation's history that helped strengthen our community and will continue to inform our advocacy.

In *The Judiciary, Diversity, and Justice for All Revisited*, Judge Edward M. Chen highlights the value of reflection and diversity. Only when our judiciary is diverse can we achieve justice and solidify public trust in our legal system.

Then, Professor Gabriel Chin and Dean Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia touch on California's Alien Land Law as well as the lasting impacts of prosecutorial discretion in the Chinese Exclusion Era in *The End of California's Anti-Asian Land Law: A Case Study in Reparations and Transitional Justice and Discretion and Disobedience in the Chinese Exclusion Era*. By publishing these pieces, we hope to provide our readers with a deeper understanding of how decisions of the past continue to leave a lasting mark on our society today. We hope that these pieces can inform how we support the API community today.

Lastly, student notes by Caitlin Ramiro and Nina Oishi discuss the horrific 2021 Atlanta Spa Shootings and the Mauna Kea Movement in *After Atlanta: Revisiting the Legal System's Deadly Stereotypes of Asian American Women and Love, Memory, and Reparations: Looking to the Bottom to Understand Hawai'i's Mauna Kea Movement*. As we continue to face adversity, these pieces provide insight into how we can come together as one panthenic community to advocate for Asian American women and groups like the Kānaka Maoli.

This year has been an exciting one for the journal as we transitioned back to in-person classes. We would like to thank the editors and members who contributed to this volume. We could not have produced this volume without their dedication and passion for advancing Asian American jurisprudence. We also wish to thank Professor Mae Ngai for speaking about the origins of the Chinese Exclusion Act at the Fifteenth Annual Neil Gotanda Lecture and Professor Sarah Song for speaking about post-pandemic API issues and opportunities at our annual symposium. We wish next year's board and membership the best of luck.

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