

EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Esteemed Readers,

We are delighted to present Volume 30 of the *Asian American Law Journal*. In the aftermath of the injustice, divisiveness, and bigotry highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, questions about identity, community, and the meaning of belonging unified the Asian American community. What does it mean to be Asian, to be American, or to be Asian American? What can we learn from the tensions that arise from this intersectionality? The three pieces selected for Volume 30 demand a careful examination of these questions from a variety of historical and academic perspectives.

In *Without Due Process: The Eagle and The Beaver, The Past, The Present*, Justice Keith D. Yamauchi provides an historical overview of the systemic racism experienced by persons of East Asian ancestry in the United States and Canada upon their arrival in North America. Justice Yamauchi highlights how the discrimination led to the evacuation and internment of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II, and how both the American and Canadian legal systems failed to protect their wartime civil rights. Justice Yamauchi then discusses the wider legal impact of these systemic shortcomings on racial minorities today.

In *Chinese Immigrant Legal Mobilization in the United States: The 2020 Executive Ban on WeChat and Civil Rights in a Digital Age*, Professors Judy Tzu-Chun Wu and Ji Li explore the legal mobilization initiated by U.S.-based immigrant and transnational Chinese lawyers against then President Trump's August 2020 executive ban on WeChat. The piece investigates the strategy behind the successful fight to protect Asian American civil liberties and considers its implications for future transformative justice structures in a digital age.

Finally, *Reflections on the Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Cases on Their 40th Anniversary* memorializes the keynote remarks given by Professor Lorraine K. Bannai at the journal's 2023 annual spring symposium. This year's symposium, held on January 28, 2023, commemorated the 40th anniversary of the *coram nobis* case overturning *Korematsu v. United States*, in which the Supreme Court upheld Japanese internment during World War II. In honor of this day, the journal hosted a

panel of the original *coram nobis* attorneys from the *Korematsu v. United States*, *Hirabayashi v. United States*, and *Yasui v. United States* cases. Dean Erwin Chemerinsky joined the panel to speak to the cases' constitutional legacy. The symposium was the largest in the journal's history. The audience enjoyed a robust discussion about the historical context of the cases, the fragility of our modern civil rights, and the continued relevance and parallels of *Korematsu* today.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and editorial board members who have contributed their time and expertise to the success of the journal. Their commitment to academic excellence and advancing knowledge and justice for the Asian American community is ever instrumental in ensuring that the journal continues to be a valuable resource for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students interested in Asian American jurisprudence.

As we look to the future, the *Asian American Law Journal* remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and rigorous scholarship on Asian American jurisprudence. We hope that the pieces selected in Volume 30 will inspire further research, discussion, and meaningful action to create a more just and equitable legal landscape, not only for the greater Asian American community, but for all marginalized communities at large.

Thank you for your continued support and readership.

Sincerely,
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