Editor's Note

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To the Reader:

Welcome to Volume IX of The Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy. This volume represents a continuation of the Suffolk University Law School Moot Court Board’s dedication to providing a print forum for legal scholarship that addresses trial and appellate issues. Volume IX also continues the efforts pioneered by previous Editorial Boards to expand and evolve the scope of The Journal.

In the past, the Moot Court Board has tried to provide readers of The Journal with contemporary trial and appellate articles that serve the needs of all facets of the legal profession. This issue continues that tradition. Among the timely topics presented in Volume IX is an examination of the need for judges to recuse themselves when their impartiality is suspect, an issue that came up publicly in 2004 when Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia refused to recuse himself from a case involving his friend, Vice President Richard Cheney. Another article in Volume IX on a topic of current interest discusses the problems that arise in civil lawsuits against terrorists. This issue also presents a number of practical articles that range from an explanation of the problems distinguishing expert witnesses from summary witnesses to an exploration of the difficulty determining who is a member of the prosecution’s team in federal criminal cases.

I would personally like to thank all the members of the Moot Court Board for their contributions to Volume IX. This volume would not exist without the efforts of every member of the moot court staff, and especially the members of the Editorial Board. I would like to extend a special thanks to Managing Editor Linda Pitts for her last-minute efforts to finish production of The Journal, and Moot Court Vice President Madeline Yanford for generously helping us edit The Journal in the final hours before production.

On behalf of the entire Moot Court Board, I would like to thank the law school faculty for making The Journal possible. Finally, I would like to thank our advisor, Professor Richard Pizzano, for providing guidance and support throughout our tenure on the Moot Court Board.

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