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To the Reader:

The Suffolk University Law School Moot Court Board proudly presents Volume X of the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. The *Journal* reflects the Moot Court Board's commitment to providing the public with informative and educational articles that address current issues in the areas of trial and appellate advocacy. By maintaining this narrow but functional focus on trial and appellate issues, the *Journal* provides a valuable resource to practitioners and scholars alike. Over the past year, the *Journal's* Editorial Board has furthered the *Journal's* success and enhanced its practical and scholastic utility, on this, its tenth anniversary. We hope that this is evident from the diverse and expansive articles contained in this volume.

Although the *Journal* maintains a specific focus, the wide range of topics discussed in each volume illustrates the profound and inexhaustible exposition that contemporary litigation engenders. Our tenth anniversary issue continues this illustration by including two lead articles touching upon timely issues within the criminal and civil context: Massachusetts sentencing procedures and the complexities involved in partnership litigation. The compilation of student articles in Volume X stretches across both federal and state litigation issues, ranging from an argument against the restrictions on subsequent remedial measures contained in the Federal Rules of Evidence to a critical analysis of Massachusetts' medical malpractice regulations. Furthermore, this year's volume also possessed a judicious balance of works dealing with both criminal and civil issues, including discussions on the primacy of grand jury subpoenas over civil protective orders and a satirical look at some confusing applications of the *Miranda* warnings.

None of Volume X's successes would have been possible without the tireless dedication and efforts of the *Journal's* members and the Moot Court Board as a whole. As Editor-in-Chief, I owe all of this year's successes and improvement to all of the *Journal's* editors and staff who allocated much of their free time and energy to producing a memorable tenth anniversary issue. In particular, I and future editorial boards owe a special thanks to this year's note editors: Natalie Mantell, Katie Yaeger, Matt Valcourt, and Sean

Tirrell. In addition to perfecting their own notes and case comments throughout the year, these editors so greatly enhanced the *Journal's* editing and monitoring process that the *Journal* will be in a position to publish semi-annually for the first time in its history. While many of their accomplishments and efforts remain unseen to readers of the *Journal*, they have truly benefited the *Journal's* posterity.

On behalf of the Moot Court Board, I would also like to thank the Suffolk University Law School faculty, and especially Professors Nelson Lovins and Jim Janda, for continuing to support the *Journal* by providing valuable advice and resources. As always, I would like to thank Professor Richard Pizzano, the Moot Court Board's faculty advisor, for his guidance throughout this past year. Finally, my most sincere appreciation and gratitude extends to Krista Zanin, Ann Walsh, Natalie Mantell, and Anne Bussman for going above and beyond what was expected of them. Thank you.

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