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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Reader:

I am pleased to present to you Volume XIII of the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. The *Journal* is published annually by Suffolk University Law School's Moot Court Honor Board.

Because trial and appellate issues lurk in every area of law, our *Journal* is able to publish articles and student work on a wide range of topics. This version contains two articles and several student works that we hope judges, educators, and practitioners will find informative and useful in their practice. First, the article by the Honorable Peter W. Agnes, Jr. discusses judicial discretion and the standard for the admissibility of prior bad acts by a defendant. Next, an article written by Michael D. Moberly, Esq., and Andrea G. Lisenbee, Esq., discusses the effect of a partial motion to dismiss on a defendant's obligation to answer under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Student Notes in this volume cover areas of law such as: expanded judicial review of arbitration awards; child relocation laws; "dog sniff" searches; the application of rape-shield laws to MySpace; Title VII retaliation claims; class action lawsuits; and domestic restraining orders as applied to juveniles. Also included is a Case Comment that analyzes *United States v. Zackery* under the *Pinkerton* theory of liability.

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I sincerely hope that you all enjoy this publication.

Sean Stentiford
Editor-in-Chief

