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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Reader:

On behalf of the Suffolk University Moot Court Honor Board, I am proud to present the first issue of Volume XV of the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. The *Journal* aims to serve as a practical guide to all members of the legal community by focusing specifically on prevalent trial and appellate advocacy issues. The wide range of legal topics explored in this issue reflects the vast and dynamic nature of litigation.

The first article is written by Rosemary Smith, Esq. and it illuminates an important dilemma imbedded in Massachusetts summary process law. Specifically, it explores whether tenant counterclaims are barred if not raised in summary process and offers suggestions to tenant attorneys for protecting their clients from claim preclusion. The other article, written by Michael D. Moberly, Esq. and John M. Fry, Esq., discusses the misuse of reply affidavits in summary judgment proceedings and why they should rarely be submitted with a reply brief in support of a motion for summary judgment. The Student Notes address a variety of compelling topics, including: the application of antitrust law to non-team sports, the effect of the Federal Arbitration Act on Chapter 93A consumers, vacatur of foreign judgments and issues surrounding the discovery of text messages. This issue also contains a Student Case Comment that analyzes the Ninth Circuit's holding in *Educational Credit Management Corp. v. Coleman*, which examined the interplay between the constitutional requirement that a claim be ripe for adjudication and the discharge of a student loan under Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

As this issue is the result of a collaborative effort, several people deserve recognition. First, thank you to the *Journal's* first year members, whose careful cite-checking and editing are the foundation on which this publication is built. I would like to thank the Board's Staff Assistant, Janice Quinlan, for her daily support. Next, I would like to thank each of the authors for their hard work, patience and insightful analyses. I am especially grateful to Caitlin Healey, Managing Editor, and Ryan O'Malley, Executive Editor, for their invaluable counsel and the countless hours they devoted to reviewing and perfecting each and every piece in this issue. Finally, a special thank you to the Board's advisor, Professor Richard Pizzano, and the Deans and Faculty of Suffolk University Law School for their continued support of the Moot Court Honor Board and *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*.

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