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FOREWORD

The *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* was founded in 1990 as an innovative vehicle for the discussion of legal and interdisciplinary policy-oriented issues affecting both Asian and trans-Pacific affairs. The *Journal* is published twice yearly, and consists of three principal sections: *Comments*, which are student-written pieces; *Articles*, which are written by legal scholars, social scientists, policy makers and other professionals; and *Translations*, which contain student and professional translations of articles written by scholars from China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand and other Pacific Rim nations.

The *Journal's* function is three-fold. First, the *Journal* will provide valuable writing and editing experience to University of Washington law students interested in Pacific Rim law and policy issues. Second, the *Journal*, as one of only two student-edited law journals in the United States devoted to the Pacific Basin, and the only journal featuring translations of East Asian legal scholarship, encourages the debate of issues vital to the Pacific Rim. Third, the *Journal* enhances the University of Washington School of Law's national and international role as a center for East Asian legal studies.

The publication of such an innovative journal is a natural consequence of the times and environment in which this educational institution exists. The State of Washington is a major Pacific Rim center whose lifeblood is tied, more than any other state, to events in East Asia. Further, the University of Washington is the only school in the nation to offer graduate of law degrees in East Asian Law, as well as in International Environmental Law and Sustainable Development Law. For these reasons, it is inevitable that the Law School should publish a journal devoted to bridging the gap between East and West. As Professor Dean Prosser has pointed out, a law journal is more than just a place for discourse; it is "the expression of what a law school itself has to say to the world."

The *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* has much to say now and in the future; the Law School can be justifiably proud.

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