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The 2013–14 editorial board and staff are proud to present the third and final issue in Volume 23. This issue is dedicated to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and is the first significant special issue dedicated to this country produced by a U.S. law review or journal. The dedication is in recognition of the reforms underway in Myanmar and precedes its 2015 general election.

The five professional articles and two student pieces explore critical issues that will affect Myanmar’s future trajectory. These issues include gender, Myanmar’s Sovereign Wealth Fund, constitutional interpretation, the Rohingya people, scholarship on Myanmar’s legal system, and foreign investment. The editors and I decided to respect authorial intent and, therefore, preserved all references to the country’s name—whether Myanmar or Burma—as originally written.

On a separate note, this issue will be the final one published under the name Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal. Volume 24 will debut under the Journal’s new title: the Washington International Law Journal. The Journal continues to have a particular interest in the Pacific Rim region and actively collaborates with the University of Washington’s Asian Law Center. In its new form, the Journal will publish global scholarship on foreign, comparative, and international law as well as English-language translations of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean legal materials. We thank all the prior editorial boards for their dedication to the Journal and look back with gratitude at the Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal’s many accomplishments.