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FOREWORD

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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the first installment of Volume 27. Until recently, the *Washington International Law Journal* was the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* and was limited to the Pacific Rim and related law and policy. The *Journal's* scope expanded in Volume 24 to include all international, foreign, and comparative law topics. While the *Journal* continues to publish content from around the globe, we are excited to feature articles true to our Pacific Rim roots in this symposium edition on East Asian court reform.

Each article in this symposium applies the framework Malcom M. Feeley presented in his seminal book, *Court Reform on Trial: Why Simple Solutions Fail*. Feeley's framework identifies five stages of court reform: *diagnosis, initiation, implementation, routinization, and evaluation*. The authors in the symposium utilize this framework to assess the successes and failures of court reform in East Asia. Daniel H. Foote, Matthew J. Wilson, Erik Herber, Setsuo Miyazawa, and Mari Hirayama share insights into various attempts at court reform in Japan. Yong Chul Park analyzes court reform efforts in South Korea, while Kai-Ping Su discusses efforts in Taiwan. Finally, Margaret Y.K. Woo examines court reform in China.

In addition to the symposium material, this edition provides readers with two pieces of student work. First, it contains a student translation piece of China's Supreme People's Court's Annual Report on Intellectual Property cases by Tianyi (Tammy) Wu and Xiaoyang Wang. Second, it offers Jessica Burrus' insightful analysis of why the Al Mahdi conviction is unlikely to prevent cultural destruction perpetrated by non-state actors.

Since its inception, the *Washington International Law Journal* has relied on the support of scholars, donors, and the University of Washington to publish legal scholarship at the forefront of international law. On behalf of the Volume 27 Executive Board, I would like to thank University of Washington School of Law's Dean Scott Schumacher and Dean Jessica Brase for their continued support of the *Journal*. I would also like to thank our

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Board of Directors for its guidance over the course of this issue. Finally, I would like to thank Setsuo Miyazawa and Daniel Foote for their unwavering commitment to the vision of this symposium edition.

We are honored to partner with the authors publishing in this symposium. With that, we present the first issue of Volume 27: *East Asian Court Reform on Trial*.