

PREFACE

Dear Readers,

The 2007-2008 school year saw many changes here at the *East Asia Law Review*, formerly the *Chinese Law and Policy Review*. Most notably, we decided to expand our focus from covering Chinese law and policy exclusively to covering law and policy in the broader East Asia region. Our new name reflects this expanded focus, and we hope as news of this expansion spreads we will attract submissions that traverse a wider range of topics and legal systems than we were previously able to address.

In addition, the structure of our organization shifted greatly in the past year, from a small, informal group of students interested in the practice of law in China to a formal, independent journal affiliated with Penn Law. So far we have been impressed with the interest the new *Review* has generated. The changes at the journal have attracted a staff of students whose interests are as diverse as their backgrounds, and I am confident that in the years ahead the *Review* will flourish under their guidance.

This year's edition of the journal, our first as the *East Asia Law Review*, is a transitional volume put together in the midst of all the changes taking place at the *Review*. The volume is truncated, but deals with some very timely topics and exhibits the same quality scholarship the *Review* always strives to attain. In future editions we plan to return to our full-length format, and invite you to aid us in this effort by contributing your own submissions for publication. We hope you enjoy the new edition and publication format, and please do not hesitate to contact the staff with any questions or feedback.

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