## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

"We must remember many had their lives changed forever by experiences or the injuries of combat. All veterans are examples of service and citizenship for every American to remember and to follow."

~ President George W. Bush, October 30, 2001

## Dear Readers:

The Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest is proud to present the spring symposium issue of Volume XVII. The issue explores various issues facing today's veterans. The articles in this issue grew out of the Veteran's Law Symposium: Serving Those Who Served, held at the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law in November 2013.

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I would also like to thank Senator Tim Kaine for delivering the keynote address, as well as the other panelists who helped us present a successful symposium and bring light to the issues facing today's veterans. The three articles in this issue examine the problems our veterans face from the unique perspectives of a Senator, advocate, and wife. The editors and staff of Volume XVII hope these pieces enrich the dialogue regarding veteran's law issues, and we look forward to bringing you forthcoming publications.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Fitzgerald Editor-in-Chief

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