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The BUFFALO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW (BHRLR) is proud to present its Volume 8 edition for 2002. It is the goal of the BHRLR to serve as a forum for the discussion of the latest developments in the human rights arena. Since September 11, 2001, the international community has once again found itself grappling with many difficult legal and moral questions concerning state relations, homeland security and human rights issues. In many ways, the events of September 11 have created a new awareness of these questions within state governments, international institutions, and the public-at-large.

This year, the goal of our publication is to address these current issues, while at the same time recognize that traditional human rights concerns remain. As a reflection of this objective, Volume 8 focuses on a variety of human rights issues. Among the topics discussed are: the emergence of a new international security-driven order geared towards the elimination of global terrorism; the freedom of religion as delineated by Islam; and the trial of Adolf Eichmann and its impact on international human rights and humanitarian law. Also included is an article discussing the experience of the Kenya Human Rights Commission, as well as a review of the book *CONTEMPT OF COURT: THE TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY LYNCHING THAT LAUNCHED A HUNDRED YEARS OF FEDERALISM*. Furthering the already extensive discussion of human rights topics, are notes which address the practice of female excisions in the United States and a historical labor study, outlining the conditions suffered by Irish immigrant laborers working on the construction of the Erie Canal in New York State.

It was an honor for us, as Editors-in-Chief, to oversee the publication of this volume. We would like to recognize the hard work and dedication exemplified by the members of the Executive Editorial Board, as well as the Associates and the Intern. We would also like to acknowledge Professor Makau Mutua for his invaluable contributions, guidance and inspiration to the BHRLR. As always, we welcome your thoughts on our journal and encourage submissions pertaining to human rights topics.

