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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Reader:

On behalf of the Suffolk University Law School Moot Court Honor Board, I am proud to present the first issue in Volume XXIII of the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. This issue contains one lead article and eight student-written pieces, each designed to be of practical use to lawyers and judges at the trial and appellate levels.

The Lead Article, *Promissory Estoppel's Avoidance Of Injustice And Measure Of Damages: The Final Frontier*, was written by Tory A. Weigand, a practicing attorney and partner at Morrison Mahoney LLP. Attorney Weigand explores the evolution of promissory estoppel within Massachusetts, addressing the variety of approaches to promissory estoppel's remedy and meaning, as well as the implementation of its injustice element. We are honored to have published a piece by an experienced litigator, who understands the intricacies of contract law and can help change the trajectory of future estoppel claims.

The student-written pieces address topics that are of interest to members of the bar in Massachusetts and nationwide. The topics covered involve:

- a discussion and analysis of the rigorous requirements implemented for class certification of racial discrimination claims (William F. Grigas);
- an analysis and examination of the approaches to protecting the rights of minors born in the United States whose parents face potential deportation (Julie L. Martin);
- a discussion and analysis of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act since its enactment in international areas (Christopher J. Schlauch);
- a discussion and analysis of the parameters of bad faith filing in involuntary bankruptcy proceedings (Carlos R. Wilder);
- an analysis of the Superior Court of Massachusetts' decision regarding reclassification for sex offenders (Keshia L. Blair);
- an analysis of the Supreme Court of the United States application of the impeachment rule in Sixth Amendment violations (Gina L. Fleury);
- an analysis of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts' application of sex offender registration regulations to juvenile defendants (Jennifer M. Plummer); and,
- an analysis of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts' ruling regarding reasonable diligence and newly discovered evidence (Lauren C. Simard).

My thanks and gratitude goes out to all staff members of the Moot Court Honor Board who helped put this issue together with noteworthy professionalism and dedication. The *Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy* boasts some of the finest members of the Suffolk University Law School community, and it has been a true

honor to work by their side. Special thanks go out to my Executive Editor, Samantha Gallardo, whose support and commitment is second to none, as well as Lauren Simard, who sought out and polished exceptional articles for publication in this issue. The Moot Court Honor Board is indebted to the entire editorial staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort they devoted to the editorial process. Finally, I would like to thank the Board's advisor, Professor Richard Pizzano, the Board's Staff Assistant, Janice Quinlan, and the Deans and Faculty of Suffolk University Law School for their continued support of the Moot Court Honor Board and *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*.

Thank you for reading the first issue in Volume XXIII of the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. I am confident practitioners, professors, students, and judges will benefit from our scholarship. My best wishes in your endeavors and I hope you will find Volume XXIII thought-provoking and useful.

Best regards,

Brooke J. McNeill
Editor-in-Chief

