

## From the Managing Editor

### *THE FOUNDATION AND FUTURE OF THE LAW REVIEW*

As the Managing Editor and longest standing member of the *Law Review*, it is a privilege to share with our subscribers and the legal community the history and current transition of the *Law Review*. Founded in 1993, by Wilton Blake II, as the *Howard Scroll: The Social Justice Law Review* (“Scroll”), the *Scroll* sought to enhance Howard University School of Law with a specialized publication, which focused on issues specific to African American and minority communities. For instance, in the first issue of *Scroll*, Jay Clay Smith Jr. introduced the publication by expressing his honored support of the “aim to publish a diversity of viewpoints to enlarge the knowledge of the publics of the world about social and legal issues that exceptionally affect People of Color.”<sup>1</sup> Mr. Smith also acknowledged the desire of this publication to select topics that cover issues of “significant populations of minorities within the United States and on other continents.”<sup>2</sup> In setting this foundation and ambitious agenda, the *Scroll* set out to “be an instrument to raise social and legal issues . . . and a tool to chisel or to propose meaningful solutions that will lead to a more equitable, cooperative, peaceful and perfect nation and world.”<sup>3</sup>

I became a member of *Scroll* because I wanted to be a part of a non-traditional law review, in line with the “social engineering” and grass roots principles that drew me to Howard’s law school. Frequently operating as an independent, student-managed publication, *Scroll* provided students with the occasion to not only edit scholarly articles that posed progressive and controversial issues, but to be involved in every aspect of its publication and management. Thus, together with other pioneering members, I also saw membership on the *Scroll* as an opportunity for student leaders to have great latitude in helping to mold and to expand the direction of this ever-innovative publication. Particularly, as we enter into a new era of globalization and internationalization of legal issues and social-governmental policies, a law review that specializes in staying abreast of such issues is more important than ever before.

As such, in 2007, members of the *Howard Scroll: The Social Justice Law Review* believed it was necessary to refocus the purpose of *Scroll* in order to keep up with the ever-changing, national and international, legal landscape.

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<sup>1</sup> J. Clay Smith, Jr., *Introductions*, 1 HOW. SCROLL 1 (Spring 1993).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

The members felt the law review was an appropriate outlet to address increasing legal implications related to events such as human trafficking, universal healthcare, company outsourcing, genocide, poverty, mass incarceration, women's and children's rights, and the wide-ranging implications of war. In order to indicate to the legal community that the law review was such an outlet, a name change was called for to embrace the new mission and greater global awareness.

Now the *Human Rights & Globalization Law Review*, as expanding upon the foundation and focus of the *Scroll*, and in line with the steadfast progression of incorporating an international agenda at Howard University School of Law, the *Law Review* sets out to enhance scholarly dialogue on various issues of worldwide development, humanity, equal justice, and social policy. Thus, in transitioning from the *Howard Scroll: The Social Justice Law Review* to the *Human Rights & Globalization Law Review*, we hope to continue to address impending domestic social justice issues, as well as to help shed light on growing human rights issues of both national and international legal concern. Namely, and in the spirit of Mr. Blake's motto and symbolism for the *Scroll*, the *Human Rights & Globalization Law Review* further seeks to "enlighten, by pointing [the] staff of judgment toward that which is, or is not 'right and proper' in jurisprudence."<sup>4</sup>

On behalf of the 2007-2008 Editorial Board, we would like to thank all members of the faculty and administration who supported this change, and continue to support the value and goals of this *Law Review*. In particular, we express humble gratitude to the Dean of Howard University School of Law, Kurt Schmoke, the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean Okianer Dark, and our Faculty Advisor, Professor W. Sherman Rogers, for their guidance, support, and encouragement during this transition. We would also like to thank all past and current members of this *Law Review*, for their hard work and steadfast dedication in putting forth a quality publication. Lastly, we would like to all of the authors, subscribers, and most importantly, the students of Howard University School of Law, for their continued support and enthusiasm of this *Law Review* and the international direction it is now taking.

Sincerely,

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<sup>4</sup> As periodically quoted on the first page of the *Scroll* (1993-2007), entitled *Maat* by Wilton Blake II; See also Wilton Blake II, *The African Origin of Morality*, 1 HOW. SCROLL 6 (1993).