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The *University of Richmond Law Review* is incredibly excited to present its 2019 Symposium Issue: *The 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act—Past, Present, and Future*. Each year, the *Law Review* hosts a Symposium which seeks to critically examine and debate a specific area of law. This year, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Fair Housing Act (“FHA”). We were honored to host an outstanding assembly of scholars and practitioners to reflect on the social and legal precursors to the FHA, evaluate its impact to date, and anticipate the role of the Act in providing equal access to housing in the future.

The *Law Review* hosted the Fair Housing Symposium on October 5, 2018, at the University of Richmond School of Law. The event began with a Keynote Address delivered by the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, the first African American Governor in the United States, who led the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1990 to 1994. We were honored to have Governor Wilder at our Symposium and we thank him for his contribution; a transcript of his address begins this issue.

Following the Keynote Address, the Symposium featured four panel discussions, a Luncheon Address given by Sara Pratt of Relman, Dane & Colfax, and concluded with Closing Remarks given by the Reverend Benjamin P. Campbell of Richmond Hill and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. These discussions centered on issues of gentrification, the contemporary face of housing discrimination, and access to both education and housing. An adapted version of the Luncheon Address and a transcript of the Closing Remarks are also included in this issue.

In addition to speaking at the Fair Housing Symposium, some of the scholars in attendance authored scholarship on the topic of Fair Housing. We would like to thank Professor Richard Sander of the UCLA School of Law, Professor Olatunde Johnson of Columbia University School of Law, Professor Allison Bethel of the

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Hosting such a successful Symposium would not be possible without the hard work of the administration, faculty, alumni, and our very own *Law Review* members. We would like to extend a special thank you to Professor Carol Brown for all her help planning and organizing the event, as well as serving as a moderator for one of the panels. Without her, we would never have been able to assemble such an impressive collection of speakers. We would also like to thank Professor Kimberly Robinson for serving as a thought-provoking speaker on the “Access to Education” panel.

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This year, *Law Review* added a new position to our staff, the Assistant Symposium Editor. We were fortunate to have Matt Lasher fill this role and set the tone and direction of this position for years to come. I personally cannot thank Matt enough for all his help.

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The *University of Richmond Law Review* hopes you enjoy the Volume 53 Symposium Issue: *The 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act—Past, Present, and Future*.

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