Editors’ Note

This issue of the *Asian Law Journal* promises to deliver yet another compelling assortment of articles and pieces pertaining to the Asian American community today. The diverse topics covered within this bound issue range from critically rethinking the interracial coalitional efforts in the historical *Méndez v. Westminster* case, to unveiling the detrimental effects of U.S. immigration policies on families of Asian immigrant workers, to addressing the post-9/11 airline racial profiling of South Asians. As we continue to examine the Japanese American reparations movement and the cultural politics of redress, we also turn our attention to the obstacles in the pursuit of redress faced by Korean and Chinese victims of Japan’s World War II forced labor camps.

The last two pieces in this issue touch on the deeply contested subject of affirmative action, and suggest the role of Asian Americans in the debate. We are proud to publish and make more readily available the National Pacific American Legal Consortium et al. amicus brief in the matter of *Grutter v. Bolinger*, regarding which the Supreme Court is expected to rule this summer. By publishing the discussions and arguments contained within these pieces, we hope to provide our readers with a fuller understanding of the effects of affirmative action programs on Asian Americans, and encourage Asian Americans to participate more actively in the debate.

This year has been an exciting and busy year for the journal, resulting in the publication of two issues – we made it! To the editors and members of 2002-2003, thank you for all of your dedication and diligent work! We could not have made it without your continuing enthusiasm. We would also like to thank all of the members, authors, and supporters of *ALJ* who have contributed towards the project of creating a truly unique space for Asian American legal scholarship. Lastly, we would like to thank Nicole Wong (Editor-in-Chief, 1993-1994) and Malcolm Yeung (co-Editor-in-Chief, 2000-2001), who spoke at our recent annual banquet and renewed the membership’s vision for *ALJ*. We wish next year’s board and membership the best of luck, and thank them for taking up the challenge of carrying the journal into its eleventh volume.

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