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To the Maryland Legal Community:

It is with great pleasure that I present the first issue of the 2012-2013 academic year. The *University of Baltimore Law Forum* has been in publication for forty three years, and this issue continues with the journal's great tradition of publishing relevant articles on issues facing Maryland's practitioners, legislature, and judiciary. The *Law Forum* is compiled by a dedicated and hard working staff whose efforts shine throughout this edition.

Our first article is written by Elizabeth Keyes, an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Her article titled "Examining Maryland's Views on Immigrants and Immigration" discusses how Maryland's legislature has addressed local immigration issues in the absence of Federal comprehensive immigration reform. Our second article is written by Michelle Davis, a Senior Policy Analyst for the Maryland Department of Legislative Services. In her article, Ms. Davis analyzes how the Maryland General Assembly and some citizens of Maryland have acted to fight against prison gerrymandering. Our third article is a student written piece titled "Tort Liability Unleashed: *Solesky v. Tracey* and Landlord Duty to Third Parties" by Errin Roby. Ms. Roby discusses the Court of Appeals of Maryland's holding in *Solesky v. Tracey* that landlord's owe a duty to third parties and how the holding will impact future litigation involving Landlord's and third parties.

Also, the Law Forum is proud to publish six Recent Development articles authored by it's own Staff Editors. Each Recent Development provides the reader with an analysis of new Maryland law. This edition includes discussions of the Court of Appeals of Maryland's decisions effecting the areas of criminal law, tort law, and family law.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the editorial board for their dedication and hard work. I would like to thank the Associate Editors and Staff Editors for their commitment throughout the fall semester. Also, a special thank you to the Law Forum's Faculty Advisor Professor Richard Bourne.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Maylor  
Editor-in-Chief  
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