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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To the Maryland Legal Community:

The Editorial Board and Staff of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum* is proud to present the first issue of Volume 52. *Law Forum* is dedicated to publishing developing trends unique to the Maryland legal community. It is a pleasure and honor to serve as *Law Forum's* first African American Editor in-Chief. As a legal journal, we have implemented diversity and inclusion to increase the quality of our pieces. I am excited and honored to share this publication.

Volume 52.1 opens with an article written by Professor John A. Lynch, Jr., JD. In this article, he discusses Maryland's outdated longarm statue, its need to simply permit personal jurisdiction whenever it is constitutional under the Due Process jurisprudence of the Supreme Court and, how the judiciary should not unduly constrict the scope of specific jurisdiction. The second article is written by Ms. Reem Haikal, Esq., in which she examines the vital role of academic support in law schools at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, where minorities and the underprivileged are the vast majority. Also, included is one student comment, written by Ms. Markisha Dobson, that analyzes Maryland's current approach to unpaid traffic debt for low-income drivers. Finally, included are seven recent development pieces which interpret recent decisions made by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

This publication reflects the hard work and commitment of our Editorial Board, Associate Editors, and Staff Editors. I want to thank the entire *Law Forum* Staff for their diligence, versatility, and creativity throughout the production process. I also want to recognize our Faculty Advisor, Professor Angela Vallario and the Assistant Dean of Academic and Writing Support, Dean Claudia Diamond, for their guidance and support.

On behalf of the *Law Forum*, we thank you, our readers, for your continued interest in our publication.

Sincerely,

Parker Imani Headd ("Payne")

Editor-in-Chief

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