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INTRODUCTION

It is our distinct honor to introduce this inaugural issue of the *Rutgers University Law Review*. Combining the best elements of the Camden-based *Rutgers Law Journal* and the Newark-based *Rutgers Law Review*, the *Rutgers University Law Review* represents a new beginning for legal education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The merger of the flagship student-edited journals from the Rutgers School of Law – Camden and the Rutgers School of Law – Newark is the leading edge of the comprehensive merger of the two law schools themselves that, pending ABA approval, will create a unified Rutgers University School of Law.

The creation of the *Rutgers University Law Review* previews the promise that the wider merger of Rutgers's two law schools holds. Students from both Newark and Camden now serve on the journal's staff. In this first transitional year, students from Newark and Camden will alternate producing issues, and will appear on parallel mastheads. Next year, integration will be complete, and the whole staff will appear on a single masthead and will work on all issues as Rutgers Law students. The *Rutgers University Law Review* will, moreover, honor its dual legacy by continuing the volume numbering of the older *Rutgers Law Review*, and by featuring an annual symposium issue on state constitutional law, a long-standing commitment of the *Rutgers Law Journal*. Like the wider law school merger, the *Rutgers University Law Review* will be greater than the sum of its parts. We are confident that it will become a prominent and sought-after forum for leading scholarship, and will reflect well upon the major public research university that is Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Co-Editors-in-Chief, Linda Lee and Robert “RJ” Norcia, deserve much credit for bringing us to this hopeful juncture. This inaugural issue of the *Rutgers University Law Review* represents the culmination of a great deal of hard work and diplomacy, and we applaud Ms. Lee and Mr. Norcia, and their staffs, for completing their merger so successfully. Their efforts are an important part of our own efforts—indeed, in many respects, they have led the way—and we hope to have the success that they can now enjoy.

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