

FOREWORD

The *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* was founded in 1990, and will publish Volume 1, Issue 1 in Summer, 1992. Prior to this date, we decided to publish an "Intramural Issue." This issue is intended both to inaugurate our publication and to provide editorial and administrative training to *Journal* members. Consequently, it contains only five student-written pieces, and does not fully reflect either the intended content or format of future issues.

The *Journal* will be innovative and interdisciplinary, containing legal and policy-oriented analysis of issues affecting both Asian and trans-Pacific affairs. It will be published twice yearly. It will consist of three sections: *Comments*, which will be student-written; *Articles*, which will be written by legal scholars, social scientists, policymakers and other professionals; and *Translations*, which will contain student-translated articles written by scholars from Korea, China, Taiwan, Japan, and other Pacific Rim nations.

The *Journal's* function is three-fold. First, it will provide writing and editing experience to University of Washington law students interested in Pacific Rim law and policy issues. Second, as one of two student-edited law journals in the nation devoted to the Pacific Basin, and the only one featuring translations of East Asian scholarship, it will sharpen debate regarding issues vital to the United States. Third, it will enhance the Law School's national and international presence as a center for East Asian legal studies.

The University of Washington is located in a major Pacific Rim center whose lifeblood is tied to events in East Asia. In addition, the University is the only school in the nation which offers a graduate law degree in East Asian law. For these reasons, it is natural that the Law School should publish a journal devoted to bridging the gap between East and West. As Professor Dean Prosser has pointed out, a law journal is more than just a place for discourse; it is "the expression of what a law school itself has to say to the world."

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