

Dear Graduates and Friends of Yale Law School,

Imagine the Future: a digital Yale Law School, where you hold in your hands both a magazine and a portal into a constantly changing world of digital activity that you can visit and discover online at www.law.yale.edu. As you surely guessed, that future has already arrived. New symbols sprinkled throughout these pages tell you where you can find a website, a photo gallery, a streaming video file, or a downloadable podcast to learn more about the Law School's myriad activities. While our spirit never changes, most of our students barely remember green screens, taking notes by hand, or rotary phones without text messaging. This *Yale Law Report* recounts how we became the Digital Yale Law School by featuring the changing landscape of our technology. We take a nostalgic look back at how our students used to register for classes, conduct research, take exams, and communicate with each other and their professors, and how they do such things today. And we note with pride the fifth anniversary of Knight Professor Jack Balkin's widely read blog, *Balkinization*, which has perhaps more readers than any law review, and the first decade of our Information Society Project, which identified Access to Knowledge (A2K) as a keystone entitlement in the digital age.

We imagine the future not just through technology, but also by public service that makes a newer world. The remarkable story of Mayor Cory Booker '97 of Newark tells how his Law School experience helped influence him to pursue his life of public service. A commitment to partnership with other graduates who have dedicated themselves to service to the public good has inspired some groundbreaking changes to support for financial aid and public interest at the Law School, which are reported within.

A third way we imagine the future is through the renewal of Yale Law School, with faculty additions of environmentalist Doug Kysar, property and administrative law scholar Tom Merrill, law and philosopher Scott Shapiro '90, and legal historian Nick Parrillo '04. They will be joined by Pulitzer Prize-winner Linda Greenhouse, '78 *msl*, who follows her three decades of Supreme Court coverage for *The New York Times* by returning as Knight Distinguished Journalist-in-Residence and adviser to our new Law and Media Program. Our faculty continues to win recognitions, including a University teaching award for Akhil Amar '84, an American Bar Foundation Award for Judith Resnik, an American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellowship for Reva Siegel '85, and a special conference in Bologna to honor The Inclusive Legal Positivism of Jules Coleman, '76 *msl*. Our faculty produced pathbreaking books on *The Origins of Reasonable Doubt* (Jim Whitman '88), *Dishonorable Passions: Sodomy Laws in America 1861–2003* (Bill Eskridge '78) and a fascinating collection of essays by Peter Schuck on *Understanding America: The Anatomy of an Exceptional Nation*.

Fourth and finally, we imagine the future by pursuing four new "interprofessional" initiatives: on law and media, law and business, law and the environment, and law and health programs, all chronicled within.

And looming over it all is this fall's much-anticipated presidential election. You can read about our many students who hit the campaign trail this year, and we will devote Alumni Weekend, October 3–5, 2008, to exploring the challenges and opportunities for the three branches of government after the election. The Weekend is entitled, appropriately enough, "Imagine the Future." So please begin by joining us online now, and in New Haven in October!

Warm regards,



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