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Introduction

It is with great pleasure that the *Pepperdine Law Review* presents this symposium issue focused on the area of Children and the Law. There are few areas in which the impact of legal theory and practice on the lives of individuals is as emotionally compelling or practically important, and the *Pepperdine Law Review* is proud to be contributing to the continued development of this field with this symposium issue.

The articles presented in this issue were solicited from a variety of renowned and respected individuals, each having made special contributions to particular aspects of the way in which the legal system deals with children. The Editorial Board is extremely proud to include the writings of each of these authors in this issue, and would like to express its sincere appreciation for their unique contributions.

In addition, Pepperdine University School of Law and the *Pepperdine Law Review* would like to recognize, with great appreciation, the contributions of the Pink-Happ Trust Fund, which led not only to the publication of this issue, but to the Conference on Children and the Law hosted by Pepperdine in conjunction with it. It is due to the encouragement of the supporters of this Fund that we are here presenting the perspectives of these authors on how the law can better serve and protect the children of our world. We would also like to thank Assistant Dean Cynthia Greer, without whose administrative expertise and advice the Conference would not have been possible.

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