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PRACTITIONER ARTICLES AND STUDENT NOTES

As the 2013-2014 editing team publishes Volume 45:2, we are preparing to graduate from law school and to pass the reigns over the next generation of energetic editors. Volume 45:2 is a special “in-house” issue: our student notes and comments come from this year’s Executive Board, and our practitioner article is by Professor Keith S. Rosenn, IALR’s beloved and long-time faculty advisor. Two of our pieces touch on South America, with focal points in Argentina and Brazil. Another piece examines the problems that can arise when businesses and investors transact across Canada, the U.S., and El Salvador. Finally, two of our student comments use Florida and Miami as the backdrop for examining issues that affect Inter-American immigrants.

In *Recent Important Decisions by the Brazilian Supreme Court*, Professor Rosenn, expert in Brazilian constitutional law, examines various controversial and well-publicized decisions that the Supremo Tribunal Federal (STF) has recently handed down. In *El precio de los pesticidas: La criminalización de la fumigación con plaguicidas en Argentina y las repercusiones nacionales e internacionales*, Jamie Lynn Vanaria frames a Córdoba, Argentina tribunal as a trailblazer because it criminalized the widespread practice of aerial fumigation, which has sickened vulnerable populations throughout Latin America. Jordan Behlman takes an in-depth look at the CAFTA-DR treaty and its interpretation, detailing a dispute between a Salvadoran corporation and a Canadian mining outfit in his comment, *Out on a Rim: Pacific Rim’s Venture Into CAFTA’s Denial of Benefits Clause*.

Chelsea Silvia’s note, *A Pathway to the Legal Profession*, takes on a very timely and relevant issue for both Florida and the nationwide legal community: whether an “undocumented” law school graduate can be admitted to the Florida Bar. In *Building Social Capital Through Place-Based Lawmaking: Case Studies of Two Afro-Caribbean Communities in Miami—The West Grove and*

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Little Haiti, Matthew Fowler illustrates the various means through which immigrant neighborhoods are fighting to retain their rich history and build strong community networks.

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