

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITORS

This is the last issue of the *Journal of Court Innovation*. With this issue we bid farewell to one of our founding partners, The Center for Court Innovation (CCI). We have greatly enjoyed working with Greg Berman, Robert Wolf, and the staff at CCI, and we wish them well as they continue their vitally important work with problem-solving innovations in courts at the local and national levels.

The New York State Judicial Institute and Pace Law School will continue to publish in partnership, and as we move forward, we will increasingly focus on issues relating more specifically to scholarship about the judiciary. We believe there is a growing interest in and need for scholarship about judges, judicial administration, judicial education, judicial decision-making and the role that judges have in our courts and society generally. The future publication will recognize the unique partnership between the legal academy and the bench. We hope that it will provide a place for the development of scholarship and exchange of ideas relating to the judiciary. We will continue to publish practice pieces, as well, that share strategies and tools to help judges in their always demanding work. By highlighting new trends, data and scholarship, we aim to serve as a resource for judges and everyone who cares about the courts and the judiciary.

Our current issue sets us off on our new course. The idea for an issue on the role of the environmental judiciary was born of a project that Pace Law School is initiating. The International Judicial Institute for Environmental Adjudication (IJIEA), which Christopher Riti discusses further in the Issue Editor's Note, is designed primarily as

an educational resource and information exchange for judges from around the world who adjudicate environmental disputes. In this issue, we provide an international overview of courts and tribunals that focus on environmental law and discuss some of the obstacles, problems, innovations and solutions for judges who work in environmental tribunals. We hope you enjoy it.

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