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FOREWORD

As a tumultuous year nears an end, we at *Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal* aim to look forward. Our mission, throughout our short but powerful history, has been to initiate change through scholarship. While we understand the importance of discussing issues with a critical lens, we also want our authors to inspire change at every level. Perhaps it starts at the educational level, as Professors Eduardo R.C. Capulong, Andrew King-Ries, and Monte Mills discuss in their article *Antiracism, Reflection, and Professional Identity*, by encouraging law schools to transform their educational models to ensure a future full of antiracist lawyers. Lori Bable, J.D., suggests change at the judicial level in *Tribally Defined Citizenship Criteria: Countering Whiteness as Property Interpretations of “Indian” for Restoring Inherent Sovereignty*—critiquing the Supreme Court’s decisions defining Tribal citizenship, and advocating for Tribal Nations’ fundamental sovereignty. Maybe that change comes by altering the use of Stand Your Ground Laws as proposed by Rene Perez in *From Threat to Victim: Why Stand Your Ground Laws Are Inherently Prejudiced and Do Nothing to Further Justice*. Or, possibly, we need to take a hard look at the collective mistreatment of parents with disabilities within child welfare systems, and utilize some of the tools Enne Mae Guerrero posits in her article, *A Necessary Job: Protecting the Rights of Parents With Disabilities in Child Welfare Systems*. Perhaps change can be implemented in all of these formats; and, hopefully, change can go beyond the confines of a law review. In a time that has brought insurmountable hardship, pain, and suffering, we hope as a world, as a nation, and as a community, we can move forward with never-ending change on the horizon.

With a hopeful spirit,

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