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Thank you for taking the time to support the Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender, & Social Justice's (RGSJ) inaugural issue. RGSJ was formed to provide an interdisciplinary academic platform that focuses on legal issues affecting people of different races, genders, and other societal forces. By focusing on legal and interdisciplinary developments in these areas, RGSJ will allow scholars, students, and practitioners to improve racial, gender and social relations through scholarly works, by fostering research involving the subjects, and by providing an intelligent publication that strives towards the pursuit of social justice.

In this issue, we focused on providing a variety of topics. The first article, written by Jonathan C. Augustine and co-authored by Roslyn S. Augustine, discusses media discrimination towards the Muslim religious group after September 11, 2001. The second article, written by Professor Todd C. Clark, proposes a new application for the "equal opportunity harasser defense" when utilized in hostile work environment discrimination cases. The third article, by Attorney Lindsey R. Watson, analyzes Section Two of the Voting Rights Act and its effect on minority groups. The fourth article, written by Donna King, examines and defines situations in which domestic abusers use the judicial system to further harm their victims. Finally, this issue includes three case synopses, which summarize recent judicial developments regarding Title VII.

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I founded this journal with the intention of making a difference in society, and I am honored to be surrounded by so many people who wish to do the same.

Thank you, and I hope you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

Kimel I. Fryer
Editor-in-Chief