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Dear Members of Our Legal Community:

We are reaching out on behalf of *Washington Law Review (WLR)*, the University of Washington's flagship legal publication. Established in 1919, *WLR* evolved from Washington State's bar journal to a nationally recognized law review.

WLR's purpose is to publish cutting-edge and thought-provoking legal scholarship from both practitioners and students. Doing it responsibly requires our organization to be aware of the inequities, bias, and institutionalized racism that law schools perpetuate. To that end, WLR is particularly interested in submissions from scholars of color, submissions that address legal issues facing marginalized communities, and submissions that discuss legal issues specific to the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

By drawing from our regional community, *WLR* hopes to publish more articles about issues that are uniquely important to Washington State and the Pacific Northwest, including the Ninth Circuit. *WLR* wants to hear from voices that may not have had a platform to speak on legal issues impacting their communities, especially those that have been here since time immemorial and as this region has grown. Overall, *WLR* seeks to respond to the overdue and critical need for diverse voices in law—voices that our legal community has historically overlooked. This is our privilege and our responsibility.

We invite you and your organization to join our effort. Specifically, please consider submitting an article to *Washington Law Review* on our Scholastica portal and/or sharing this call for pieces with your professional network.

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Jennifer Seely, our Chief Articles Editor (jseely@washlrev.org), and Monica Romero, our Chair of Diversity & Inclusion (mromero@washlrev.org). Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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