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## Note From the Dean

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# The William Mitchell Law Raza Journal

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**NOTE FROM THE DEAN**

It is an honor for me to introduce the inaugural issue of Law Raza Journal, the newest addition to William Mitchell's student-edited scholarly journals. The emergence of this journal – with its focus on legal issues of special interest to Latinos – could not be more timely. Quickly becoming the largest minority group in the United States, Latinos in this country number over 50 million. Related issues of public policy, from homeland security and immigration reform, to the legacy of race and racism in American law, demand persistent, critical and sensitive attention. As well, the growing globalization of commerce, law and culture increase the need among lawyers in the United States for a deeper understanding about our neighbors to the south. The Law Raza Journal promises to contribute to the discourse in all of these areas.

I am particularly proud of this journal because it is the product of student energy and student initiative. Led by Pablo Sartorio, the founders of this journal have persevered. The resulting first issue of the journal will set the stage for a serious, scholarly, critical examination of law and legal education as it affects, and is affected by, Latino people and legal scholars.

On behalf of the entire William Mitchell community, I say “Welcome and godspeed” to this important endeavor.

Eric S. Janus | President and Dean