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It is with great excitement and pride that the New York City Law Review Editorial Board announces our decision to officially change the name of our journal to the City University of New York Law Review.

This is a momentous occasion and one that we believe makes explicit our journal's affiliation with the law school. Our journal was founded to create a publication dedicated to social justice legal scholarship, which continues to be our purpose today. Our board engaged in a thoughtful process over several months regarding our institutional affiliation with the law school. During this process we listened to many voices in our community, including faculty, students, and alumni. The journal's new name reflects the desire by all to unite us with our legal institution, which is dedicated to serving those most in need. The result is our journal's new name—but not new mission—that makes it clear that we are a CUNY publication. As the City University of New York Law Review, we are an integral and vibrant part of our CUNY School of Law community.

While our journal's name may be changing, our principles and values are not. We are proud to remain an exclusively student-run publication that believes in publishing critical legal thought and commentary. Our commitment to a holistic and comprehensive application process for staff and board members, one that is not primarily driven by academic criteria, remains foremost for us. Our events and scholarship choices continue to reflect the activism and commitment to social justice work our school is most known for. Our governance structure reflects the kind of work we hope to support. For the past two years we have been transitioning away from a traditional, hierarchical organization to one that is led by its editorial board collectively. We aim to broaden our collective decision-making structure to include not only the board, but the staff of the journal as well. While not a full-blown publishing collective, it is our hope that as we evolve, we will become one.

We are delighted that our journal's new name reflects the institution that shares our commitment to using law in the service of human needs.

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