Editors’ Note

The editors of the Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal respectfully dedicate this issue to Professor Jon M. Van Dyke, who passed away on November 29, 2011. The unexpected loss of Professor Van Dyke has been acutely felt by the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the William S. Richardson School of Law, as well as by his many friends and colleagues in Hawai‘i and the international community. Professor Van Dyke was an internationally recognized jurist in the areas of constitutional law, international law, international environmental and ocean law, and international human rights law. As APL&PJ Faculty Advisor Mark Levin remarked, “Jon did all we are supposed to do. He was a stellar teacher, a prolific scholar across numerous fields, a colleague who shared generously of his time, and relentless in the pursuit of justice outside of the academy.”

Professor Van Dyke was a faculty member of this law school for over three decades, and while he will be sorely missed, his legacy will live on in the thousands of students who had the opportunity to learn from him. Our hearts and thoughts are with his wife, Professor Sherry Broder, and with his children and family during this difficult time.

This collection of articles is comprised of nine papers, spanning an exciting assortment of topics: victim’s rights and judicial reform in Japan; China’s new tort law; reform of private investment in China’s education system; issues between Chinese criminal courts and international businesses; the successes and failures of the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia; the role of regional and national human rights institutions in the Asia-Pacific region; conflicts between burgeoning renewable energy businesses and environmental justice for Kānaka Maoli; and of course, Barbie’s unfortunate mishaps with Indian foreign trade laws. Several of these papers were presented on April 16, 2011 at APL&PJ’s Inaugural Joint Symposium on Asian Law between the William S. Richardson School of Law (“WSRSL”) and the University of Sydney Law School.

The APL&PJ staff is now busy organizing another fabulous symposium, one which will be the first of its kind and magnitude in the world. The symposium, entitled Rainbow Rising: Community, Solidarity & Scholarship, will focus on gender identities and sexualities in Asian and Oceanic law and policy. This symposium will be held at the WSRSL on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Rainbow Rising is jointly organized by APL&PJ

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and two other law student organizations: the Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Organization and the Lambda Law Student Association. The Symposium will facilitate a long-overdue dialogue on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex issues throughout Asia and Oceania, and it will be a venue for the sharing of ideas and experiences among scholars, politicians, and community activists. We aim to create a conduit for advancing cross-cultural intellectual exchange and achieving concrete results for individuals with diverse sexualities and gender expressions in communities throughout Asia and Oceania. We hope that our readers will join us at this landmark event and will look forward to the invaluable collection of scholarship that will be generated by this symposium. More details will be announced about Rainbow Rising on the APL&PJ website shortly, including information about the launch of our symposium registration website.

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