

EDITORS' PREFACE

CIVIL LIBERTIES POST 9/11

Traditionally, the *University of New Brunswick Law Journal* includes a Forum section presenting diverse perspectives on a specific topic of interest in Canada's contemporary legal climate.

We had an overwhelming response to this volume's Forum topic, "Civil Liberties Post 9/11". Our diverse and thoughtful contributions come from the worlds of government (Irwin Cotler, Stanley Cohen), academia (Michael Geist and Milana Homs, Robert Martin, Kent Roach, Hamesh Stewart), legal practice (Faisal Bhabha, Faisal Joseph), and civil society (Linda McKay-Panos, Robert Martin, Jeremy Patrick-Justice, Jason Gratl and Andrew Irvine).

Although the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington occurred in 2001, governmental responses to those horrific events have a continuing impact on civil society that are relevant in today's changing security climate. Recent events like the London underground and bus bombings in July, 2005 and the subsequent shooting on a subway car of an innocent person who failed to stop for police; the bombings at a tourist resort in Egypt; the ongoing Maher Arar Inquiry; and the ongoing review of Canada's *Anti-terrorism Act* continue to push these issues to the forefront of public debate.

The creation of a Canadian no-fly list, installation of video surveillance cameras (from the Toronto transit system to even Fredericton's downtown core), and a proposal for national identification cards spur heated discussion in legislatures, academic institutions, in the media, and on the streets.

We hope that this Forum section will be a valuable contribution to this important debate.

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