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The Buffalo Human Rights Law Review (BHRLR) proudly presents its Millenium volume, a collection of articles examining human rights issues from a variety of cultures and countries. The BHRLR is dedicated to providing an outlet for important human rights topics that lack a voice through conventional media. Our goal this year was to compile articles addressing cutting-edge issues around the globe: topics of both crucial interest and import, not only to the nations in which they exist, but to the international community as a whole. It is in this way that the BHRLR strives to continue to provide a powerful forum for international human rights discourse.

The articles in this volume focus on a variety of contemporary human rights issues. Among the topics discussed is government in the "third world," human rights in Africa, and the projected impact of Rwanda tribunal on future human rights violations. Also included is a comment on the impact that the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights has had on the continent. Adding to the already rich discussion of human rights topics by the foregoing, are notes addressing the following topics: the effect of NAFTA on the indigenous of Mexico; the use death penalty in the United States as contrary to customary international law; and the impact of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and Human Rights Act of 1998 on the legal aid system in Great Britain.

It was an honor for us, as Editors-in-Chief, to manage the BHRLR this year. We had a wonderful staff of dedicated Associates whom we would like to thank for their invaluable contributions to the publication, especially our Executive Editor, Dave Kelly. The BHRLR is a student-run publication, which yields the benefit of new minds and hands contributing each year to bring fresh perspective to contemporary human rights topics and to keep the debate in these areas fresh. We hope that this year's issue of provoking articles will benefit scholars, activists, and researchers alike. We welcome your feedback; please contact us with your comments and constructive criticisms at [bhrlr@hotmail.com](mailto:bhrlr@hotmail.com). As always, we welcome and encourage submissions pertaining to human rights topics.

