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## **EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Once again, greetings from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. We are pleased to bring you our first symposium issue, which discusses some of the issues surrounding indoor air quality. In today's society, Americans spend approximately 80% of their time indoors. But according to a 2002 *American Lung Association* survey, 50% of the people surveyed were unaware that poor indoor air quality is one of the top five risks to human health.

For the symposium, we have three articles. The first article, by Dean Leticia Diaz, discusses the lack of federal mold legislation and the growing need for a federal air quality standard, especially in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The second article, by Professor Thomas Lambert, argues against the imposition of smoking bans based on a free-market approach to the issue. The third article, by MELPR Note and Comment Editor Haley Peerson, takes the opposite view of Professor Lambert and argues that there is a need for government regulation of smoking due to the adverse health effects stemming from second-hand smoke.

We also have three case notes in this issue. In the first note, Erin C. Bartley discusses the problem of global warming and criticizes the EPA's decision in declining to regulate motor vehicle emissions. In the second note, Leah M. Clubb analyzes whether it was proper to allow the EPA to determine the scope of its authority in assessing penalties against a landfill for the landfill's mishandling of asbestos in violation of the Clean Air Act. In the third note, Amy L. Ohnemus explores the meaning of "previously converted wetland" in the Swampbuster Statute and the implications of the Seventh Circuit's holding on farm subsidies.

As usual, this issue contains updates on recently decided environmental cases from courts around the country.

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