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## EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue, the third of the year, we feature a survey of the civil cases decided in the last term by the Supreme Court. Professor Todd Pettys, the H. Blair and Joan V. White Chair in Civil Litigation at the University of Iowa College of Law, has managed to make this review both admirably thorough and entertaining, capturing a sense of the Court as a whole along with the variety of views presented by the individual justices. As usual, the most colorful language comes in the dissents and concurrences, where each justice is free to speak her or his mind. The next issue will summarize the criminal cases decided by the Court.

Judge Wayne Gorman of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador offers, as usual, a look at an aspect of Canadian jurisprudence. In this issue, he takes on the difficult and ever-evolving problem of how the legal system handles evidence obtained by law enforcement in violation of constitutional rights. I hope that this essay provides both a useful refresher for our Canadian readers and, for our readers in the United States, a fascinating and thought-provoking look at a parallel system of addressing this important question.

The article on judicial education by William Brunson of the National Judicial College sets forth a number of ideas and perspectives—gleaned from a symposium involving some of the most distinguished people involved in such efforts—on how we can do a better job educating ourselves. I recommend that any judges involved in such efforts keep the article at hand and refer back to it when they next plan to make a presentation to their fellow judges.

The article by Professor Donna Shestowsky, from my alma mater, the University of California, Davis, School of Law, focuses on an important but neglected piece of the civil litigation process: making sure that parties are aware of programs providing mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. I hope that her data and ideas will inspire judges to consider increasing their efforts on both an individual and an institutional basis to make sure that people know about this valuable alternative to trials and hearings.

Finally, we have another expertly crafted crossword from Judge Victor Fleming to give your minds a break and a few thoughts on resources to explore.  
—Devin Odell



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