

EDITOR'S BRIEF

As befits the spring volume of a publication, this issue of *The Colonial Lawyer* focuses to a large extent on land and the environment. Ms. Waymack's article thoroughly discusses the rapid decline of usable farmland in Virginia and in other parts of the country, along with possible legislative remedies. Mr. Clark's concern is with another resource derived from the land - our history, as discovered through the science of archaeology. This resource too is threatened. Ms. Munson concentrates on yet a third scarce and precious commodity, our drinking water.

Mr. Murphy's article views land slightly differently. He recognizes the clash between certain First Amendment values and the police power of the state to effect zoning laws, and proposes a comprehensive analysis.

The recent *Croson* case concerning minority business set-aside programs originated in Richmond, so Mr. Dene's and Mr. Franklin's review of the law in this area is of regional as well as temporal significance.

Mr. Ehrler's article assesses the history of awards for negligent infliction of emotional harm, and urges caution against what he perceives as the modern-day potential for over-compensation of the victim. He proposes concrete tests for determination of such awards, and distinguishes among types of harms.

In our final article, Mr. Thomas explores the statutory elements of murder in Virginia, and discusses whether different criteria for the "intent" component of the crime should be incorporated, as in other states.

I wish the best of luck to Thomas P. Sotelo and Lisa J. Entress, the incoming senior editor and managing editor, respectively. I hope you, the scholar and practitioner, continue to find the articles we at *The Colonial Lawyer* publish interesting and informative.

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