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This symposium issue of the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal is dedicated to the memory of one of our own: Joseph Paul Doyle.

Joe was a native of Oklahoma who graduated from Yukon High School in 2000 where he played football and participated in various speech and debate activities. He went on to study English Language and Literature as a member of the Dean’s List at the University of Virginia. While studying there, he became deeply involved in the Jefferson Literary & Debating Society and Model United Nations. A lifelong passion for the power of the written and spoken word naturally led Joe to pursue the study of law.

Fortunately for all of us who were privileged enough to know and work with him, Joe decided to attend the William and Mary Law School and began his studies here in 2008. Anyone who knew Joe would tell you of his quiet, but passionate manner and the keen intellect that he brought to the table. One faculty member described him as always ready to help with “a great calm confidence about him and a twinkle in his eye.” As a member of the Bill of Rights Journal staff, Joe’s work was always exceptional and he was known as someone we could all rely upon.

Moreover, “Joe was a superb law student with a very bright future,” said Dean Davison Douglas. “He had a particular interest in election law—he served as Vice President of the Law School’s Election Law Society, worked for the Virginia State Board of Elections after his first year of law school, and had been a field organizer for Brad Carson’s U.S. Senate Campaign in Oklahoma in 2004.” Joe most certainly would have taken particular interest in this year’s symposium: Privacy, Democracy, and Elections.

While it is undisputed that Joe was an incredibly talented student with an impressive litany of honors, his impact at William and Mary went far beyond his considerable scholastic achievements and academic interests. An avid traveler, a lover of books, and a great sports fan, Joe will always be remembered for the quiet way in which he selflessly dedicated himself to those around him. We all miss you dearly, Joe, and are grateful for the way you touched our lives.

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