

Foreword

In February 2002, legal scholars, civil rights activists, distinguished practitioners, and students gathered at the Yale Law School to honor the late Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. with a scholarly working conference on Race, Values, and the American Legal Process. United in contemplation and discussion of the same issues that animated and inspired the late Judge Higginbotham, participants and attendees paid homage to his legacy by continuing to push for an ever deeper understanding of the interface between law and race.

We are pleased to join with the Black Law Students Association in dedicating the 20th Anniversary Issue of the Yale Law and Policy Review to the memory of Judge Higginbotham. This Issue builds upon the conference themes of Race, Values, and the American Legal Process and features selections that are wide ranging in both topic and type, including personal remembrances of the Judge, remarks delivered at the conference, and writings in the theme of the conference. Together, these offerings demonstrate both the magnitude of the progress forged by Judge Higginbotham and others and the magnitude of the challenges that remain. In the spirit of continued critical examination and awareness, we honor the memory of a great jurist, thinker, and leader.

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