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With Volume 35, Issue 2, *JGJ* wanted to highlight the ramifications of adultification bias, the topic of our annual symposium, which took place April 5, 2024.<sup>1</sup> Adultification is “[a] social or cultural stereotype that is based in how adults perceive children ‘in the absence of knowledge of children’s behavior and verbalizations’ that presently manifests itself as implicit bias based on race.”<sup>2</sup>

One of our symposium panelists, Professor Jessica Levin, kindly and articulately wrote an article for this issue explaining her and her colleagues work litigating adultification bias at the Civil Rights Clinic, under Seattle University School of Law’s Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality.<sup>3</sup> Professor Levin also approached *JGJ* with the opportunity to publish one of the Civil Rights Clinic’s amicus briefs they submitted to the Washington State Court of Appeals, which resulted in judicial recognition of adultification bias’s impact in juvenile criminal law. The court announced a mandate that sentencing courts must consider adultification bias whenever sentencing a youth of color—the first time adultification bias has been incorporated into a legal standard in any American court.<sup>4</sup>

Other than adultification, this issue presents an article written by New England Law Professor Eliot Tracz, who argues to extend Professor Margaret Radin’s “Property and Personhood” theory<sup>5</sup> to include an individual’s gender identity. Professor Tracz highlights how gender identity can be characterized as personal property, and how a person’s

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1. We would like to thank our panelists, UC Law SF Professor Thalia González, Seattle University School of Law Professors Jessica Levin and Melissa Lee, UC Law SF and Golden Gate University School of Law Professor Jyoti Nanda, Paige Joki, esq. of the Education Law Center-Pennsylvania, and Amaiya-Monet Parker, for their insightful words and taking the time to educate the UC Law SF community and beyond on the impacts of adultification bias.

2. REBECCA EPSTEIN ET AL., GEO. L. CTR. ON POVERTY & INEQ., GIRLHOOD INTERRUPTED: THE ERASURE OF BLACK GIRLS’ CHILDHOOD 4 (2017), <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/poverty-inequality-center/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2017/08/girlhood-interrupted.pdf> [https://perma.cc/E8C7-E3ND].

3. For more information, see Fred T. Korematsu Ctr. For L. & Equal., *Civil Rights Clinic*, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, <https://law.seattleu.edu/centers-and-institutes/korematsu-center/work-with-us/civil-rights-clinic/> [https://perma.cc/B6G9-2FSQ].

4. *In re Pers. Restraint of Miller*, 505 P.3d 585 (Wash. App. Ct. 2022).

5. Margaret Jane Radin, *Property and Personhood*, 34 STAN. L. REV. 957 (1982).

gender identity is central to their personhood and deserves property protections.

Beyond the scope of legal scholarship, we will also be carrying on the tradition of publishing various creative mediums.

This edition would not be possible without our incredible editorial team. We extend our thanks and gratitude to our Executive Production Editors, Senior Staff Editors, and Staff Editors.

We want to congratulate all of our 3L members, Joshua Arrayales, Isaac Beltran, Catherine Cawley, Alexis Cherry, Mackenzie Cowles, Nneoma Gansallo, Sophia Lima, Shalika Mehta, Ryan Orkisz, Noelle Ruane, and Nikki Viavant, on graduating. We have enjoyed working with each of you and know you will all go far!

Lastly, we are excited to pass the torch and announce *JGJ*'s newest Editor-in-Chief, Skyelar McIntyre! We have the utmost faith in her and cannot wait to see the amazing work she will publish in Volume 36.

We have loved and enjoyed every moment of our tenure being the Editors-in-Chief of Volume 35. Thank you all for reading, and we hope you find the following pieces of scholarship and art as educating as we do.

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