

## FOREWORD

The *Chicano-Latino Law Review*, cognizant of the dramatic growth of the Latino population both in size and political strength, dedicates this volume to the discussion of Voting Rights issues affecting the Chicano-Latino community. It is our hope that the articles in this edition will serve as a prelude to further such discussions and as an impetus for discontinuation of discriminatory voting practices.

This Voting Rights volume specifically focuses on apportionment issues which have a significant impact on Latinos. We present articles dealing with the Voting Rights Act and its implications, as well as a case study of political mobilization and racial bloc voting, challenges to the constitutional apportionment base, and the fight to adjust the census undercount. We chose these articles because they highlight the ongoing struggle to secure the voting rights of Latinos, an intense legal battle integral to the political empowerment of our community. However, it is our hope that all racial, ethnic and language minorities benefit from our efforts.

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