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## On the Review

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## From the Editors

Dear Readers of the *Helsinki Law Review*:

We are honored to introduce the *Helsinki Law Review* 2014/1 issue. We are also pleased to inform you that we have been making great strides and significant changes in the work of the *Law Review*. We have, inter alia, started an alumni network, rethought the distribution of the *Law Review*, and decided to launch the *Article of the Year Award*, which has also shown to be a great way of deepening our collaboration with our *Academic Council*. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate once more the winner of the 2013 *Article of the Year Award*, namely *Täpio Rasila* whose article about states as clients of private military and security companies has also received attention from the media. Regarding the distribution of the *Law Review*, the hard copy of the *Law Review* will be distributed in new locations and the online version will now be available on *SSRN* and hopefully in other online databases as well.

The editors of *Helsinki Law Review* have worked hard throughout the spring and I would like to thank them all for having shown such enthusiasm and openness to new ideas and bettering our *Review*. Their ideas have been innovative and fresh, forcing the *Review* to develop in a quick pace. It has been my privilege to be a part of the *Law Review* for such a long time. I have no doubt that *Helsinki Law Review* will continue to evolve into an even greater journal.

Finally and most importantly, we welcome all suggestions, thoughts, and comments from our readers. We are also welcoming editor applications in the fall of 2014, and hope to get more great and enthusiastic editors to be a part of our team.

I wish you all a great summer. Kippis!

**Mirjam Supponen**  
Editor-in-Chief

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