

FROM THE EDITORS

Legislation gives us protection but it is also an effective tool of discrimination. In this issue of Helsinki Law Review, the articles focus on discrimination faced by minorities and minors in family matters. These questions are of high importance, as family is still one of the core units of security and social position.

One article looks into the institutional discrimination of gender and sexual minorities in family matters and the other reviews mediation as a tool to further the best interest of the child in the event of a divorce. Both articles record progress in these fields but they also highlight many shortcomings.

Discrimination and the treatment of vulnerable groups are not issues that should interest only human rights lawyers or the family law kind. It should interest us all. We know our legal history well enough to know that we need legislation that erases discrimination and bridges social gaps. When we, as a society, choose the opposite, everyone suffers – even the majorities.

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