

## FOREWORD

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The *Albany Government Law Review Fireplace*, the legal blog of *Albany Government Law Review*, is now in its third year of publishing student articles on wide-ranging topics, with a special focus on issues that impact New York state. While some might lay stake to the claim, the *Fireplace* is indeed the first student-written and -edited blog in the country to complement its sister print journal by extending into cyberspace. On a weekly basis, the *Fireplace* publishes student note and comments on recent developments in government law and policy.

For the 2010–2011 academic year, the journal and *Fireplace* editors selected the best-written and most-viewed articles to publish as a discrete fourth issue of volume four of *Albany Government Law Review*. Unlike the print journal’s tradition of publishing symposia-based issues, this issue focuses exclusively on articles published on the *Fireplace*.

Our ultimate goal of the *Fireplace*—at last realized with this issue—is to apply the traditional print law review production model to near-instantaneous Web publishing, thereby maximizing the potential of student academic writing to be timely, relevant, and progressive.

We hope you enjoy the inaugural issue of articles collected from the *Albany Government Law Review Fireplace*. Please visit the *Fireplace* at <http://aglr.wordpress.com>.

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