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The Chicano-Latino Law Review is a student-edited law journal staffed by Chicano, Latino, and other law students at UCLA School of Law. We first published in 1972 in order to provide a forum for analysis and discussion of important legal issues which confront the Chicano-Latino community on a daily basis. The 1990 Census clearly showed that there has been a dramatic growth of the Latino population in size and political strength. Consequently, legal issues which affect Latinos will become of paramount importance in shaping public policy. Our hope is that the Law Review will make an impression and influence legislators, judges, and practitioners in making judicial, legislative and practical decisions which will positively affect the Chicano-Latino community.

This volume specifically deals with issues which impact greatly on our Mexican brothers and sisters. The main focus is on the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Mexico. So many lives will be affected by the treaty, both here in the United States and in Mexico. Our analysis queries whether the impact on social and political orders will qualitatively outweigh economic advantage. Several articles address the changes which may occur as a result of the Free Trade Agreement. Another article focuses on the plights of refugees which seek political asylum in Mexico.

Clearly, we recognize that the lives of Chicano and Latino people living in the United States are still greatly impacted by what occurs in the political and economic arena in Mexico.

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