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In these pages, you will find thought-provoking essays on issues ranging from affirmative action, AI and intellectual property, and the expansion of the surveillance state. As technology evolves, politics shift, and new challenges emerge, the law remains a powerful tool in navigating these complexities. Our contributors probe the law's capacity to shape society, prompting readers to consider how the law can serve both as a safeguard of justice and, at times, a source of its erosion.

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