

National Security Law

Since September 11, 2001, anxiety about national security has grown exponentially in the United States and worldwide. This phenomenon has grave implications for global commerce and the rights of individuals.

The International Practice Section presents this issue of *Virginia Lawyer* to explore this new reality.

Two articles examine the impact of increasing national security considerations in global commerce, by assessing global mergers and defense contracting. Other articles appraise the historical challenge that President George W. Bush's policies pose to the Constitution, international legal order and American values. They analyze recent cases concerning executive power, international agreements and new federal legislation detailing rights of detainees. The issue concludes with a review of a new publication, edited by professors from the University of Virginia Law School, on the political and legal legacy of the Vietnam War.

National security cuts across disciplines: contributors are from George Mason University's schools of law, public policy and information technology.



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