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## ***Legal Affairs* Examines Incest in Amish Country—and the Ethic That Lets It Run Rampant**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 10, 2004 – The January|February issue of *Legal Affairs*, the first general-interest magazine about the law for non-lawyers as well as lawyers, presents several compelling features:

- **The Gentle People:** Impressed by their quaint piety, courts have permitted the Amish to live outside American law. But in some places, the group's ethic of forgive and forget has produced a plague of incest and let many perpetrators go unpunished. How state law enforcement officials are responding to—or neglecting—the problem.
- **Man and the Machines:** As artificial intelligence systems acquire more human attributes, like apparent consciousness, questions arise over their ethical status. An examination of how we might grant legal rights to computers.
- **Suspect Memories:** Taking into account decades of scientific research, New Jersey is reforming its criminal lineup procedures to reduce the number of false identifications. But it's never easy to pick a perpetrator out of a crowd.

Additional highlights in this issue include:

- **Touting Clarence Thomas:** The truth about America's most maligned justice.
- **Pharma Furor:** Why two high-profile attacks on big drug companies flunk the test of basic economics.
- **Taking Earth Day Global:** Environmental laws fought off hazards like pollution over the last generation. But what about the more urgent challenges of the next?
- **Identity Crisis:** To make its players safe the NFL is tackling schemers and scammers.
- **Not So Free Speech:** In perilous times, we most need this basic liberty—and libertarians have struggled to find reasons to protect it against censorship.
- **Cats With 10 Lives:** Why we need to regulate the cloning of felines and other animals.

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