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***Legal Affairs* Explores Midwest's War on Methamphetamine— and the Region's Crackdown on Cold Pills**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., October 15, 2004 – The November|December issue of *Legal Affairs*, the first general-interest magazine about the law for non-lawyers as well as lawyers, presents several compelling features:

- **The Epidemic on Aisle 6:** Busting record numbers of methamphetamine labs hasn't rid the Midwest of its latest drug scourge. Now law enforcement officials want to make it harder to buy cold pills that contain a key meth ingredient. How the drug lobby is fighting the officials' efforts.
- **When Neighbors Turn Tyrannical:** More than 50 million Americans belong to homeowner associations that wield tremendous power over their residents. The associations manage shared public spaces and enforce quality-of-life rules, but some have so abused their powers that they've provoked a backlash, prompting local and state legislatures to rein them in.
- **Marxist-Lessigism:** Computer users of the world have united behind Stanford law professor Lawrence Lessig—and what they're doing is much more important than his critics realize.

Additional highlights in this issue include:

- **Lost in the Political Thicket:** The Supreme Court should find something new to say about election law—or start letting other branches of government do the talking.
- **Wyatt Earp Takes the Stand:** Was the quintessential American lawman guilty of manslaughter for his role in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral?
- **Mind Reader:** Is “brain fingerprinting” a breakthrough in lie detection or bogus science?
- **Against the Law Reviews:** Welcome to a world where inexperienced student editors make articles about the wrong topics worse.
- **Don't Drink and Divorce:** Nazma Bibi's husband mistakenly divorced her in a drunken rage. Now his Muslim community in India won't let them get back together.

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