



ARTICLE SOLICITATION, VOL. XLI, NO. 1: THE NEW NORMAL: THE LASTING EFFECT OF TERRORISM ON OUR CITIES

The recent bombings during the Boston Marathon have ended over ten years of remarkably few terrorist attacks. Indeed, there were forty percent more attacks in the United States in the decade before September 11, 2001 than in the decade after—presumably due, in part, to the efforts of law enforcement.¹ The Boston attacks, however, were unfortunately carried out despite the best efforts of the Boston police system. Now, in a time when terrorism may have both international and domestic origins, how did—and how should—cities balance security and civil liberties as they seek to protect their citizens from terrorism?

Terrorism is an intrinsically urban issue that affects cities across the world. As New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has explained, “[o]ne of the stated aims of the terrorists is to attack America’s economy.”² New York is not only an economic symbol, it is also a symbol of the Americas, the United Nations, and, to a large extent, the entire developed world. This symbolism extends to nearly all major urban centers within America and cities abroad, be it Moscow, Madrid, or Marrakesh. Nearly all major urban centers have been, and perhaps continue to be, a prime location for terrorist attacks.

While terrorism is an issue in many urban centers, as of now, there is little consensus about the best way to address this continuing threat. As proponents argue that anti-terrorist efforts may be a “new normal,” the different approaches cities use to fight terrorism deserve new evaluation. Consequently, scholarly input is needed on this time-sensitive issue.

The *Fordham Urban Law Journal* is soliciting articles for our upcoming special issue: *New Normal: The Lasting Effect of Terrorism on our Cities*. As the second most cited public policy law journal and one of the few journals publishing articles directly related to urban law, the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* is committed to providing meaningful scholarship on issues related to urban law. We are currently soliciting articles from prominent scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and other experts that address the lasting effect terrorism has had and continues to have on urban areas.

We are particularly interested in including articles that address, critique, or voice concerns over counterterrorist efforts specific to the world’s urban areas, including:

- **Current or Proposed Strategies Cities Use to Combat Terrorism** (for example, jurisdictional issues relating to the prosecution of terrorism in the Southern District of New York etc.)
- **Civil Rights Issues**

¹ See Scott Shane, *Bombings End Decade of Strikingly Few Terrorist Attacks in the United States*, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 16, 2013, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/17/us/bombings-end-decade-without-terror-in-us.html?>

² *Counterterrorism Units*, NYPD, http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/administration/counterterrorism_units.shtml (last visited March 24, 2013).

- **Proposed and Current Law Enforcement Tactics**
- **Fourth Amendment** (for example, subway and airport security)
- **Intersection between International, Federal, and Local Enforcement Agencies**

Our goal is to have a well-rounded book that contributes new useful ideas, as well as possible solutions on this important range of topics. Selected articles will be **due August 15** and published later in the fall.

If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, **please submit a one-page proposal as soon as possible, but no later than May 1**. Articles will be selected on a rolling basis. The *Fordham Urban Law Journal* requires articles to be between 10,000 and 25,000 words, including text and footnotes.

All inquiries and proposals should be submitted via email to articles@urbanlawjournal.com.

Sincerely,

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