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In the spring of 2001 Elisa Paster joined us as one of the *Natural Resources Journal's* first student editors-in-chief. Elisa brought a long and deep background in land use planning to the *Journal*. Before law school she had worked for years for the Albuquerque City Planning Department. As an editor-in-chief, she quickly proposed that the *Journal* convene a national symposium on land use planning and publish the symposium papers in a special *Journal* issue. Over the last few years we've shied away from single focus issues, edited by guests, preferring to stick to the standard wide range of cross-disciplinary articles, selected by us, typical of the *Journal*. But Elisa's enthusiasm for land use planning was so great and her contacts so broad that we let her have at it. This wonderful issue of the *NRJ* is the result. Thanks to her, the articles here represent a wide array of leading national experts writing elegantly on critical and developing land use issues across the country. Thanks to the yeoman efforts of co-student editor-in-chief Celina Jones and her editorial and cite-checking cohorts, this handsome issue now sees the light of day. Beyond this issue, there's a happy ending to this story. Elisa graduated from law school in June 2003 and moved to Kansas City where she joined a law firm devoted to national land use planning issues. She is flourishing there, but, before departing, she left us this gift.