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EDITOR'S NOTE

Scandal has surfaced among businesses as diverse as investment and homecare. It is clear from the recent business scandal scare that business ethics have been in shorter supply and that consumers have been, in many cases, operating under the false assumption that their business transactions have been handled with honesty. Now, consumers are skeptical about investing, purchasing, and even working. Recent breaches in business ethics have caused the public to walk on eggshells to banks, stores, investment firms, law firms, and even business and law schools, asking themselves, "Can businesses be trusted?"

Topics covered within this volume of the *Brigham Young University Prelaw Review* include possible sources of faulty business practices, whether beginning in business or law education, accounting firms, law firms, or high up the corporate ladder. This volume also explores possible solutions regarding education, Sarbanes-Oxley, and the SEC.

Though the arguments regarding each topic are as diverse as the scandals themselves, this volume of the *Prelaw Review* promises to be insightful and educational for any professional or educational field. The question "Should businesses be trusted?" affects the public in every niche of life, and it is the hope of all involved with the *Prelaw Review* that these articles will also inspire those who read them to become an active part of creating a better, more honest, and consequently, more prosperous society.

The constant foundation of this journal is Eileen Crane, who has just announced her retirement as the *BYU Prelaw* advisor. Congratulations, Eileen, for achieving your dreams of going to law school. Her support and encouragement of this journal have made its production possible for the past eighteen volumes. Congratulations is also in order for Rob Zawrotny, who even in the midst of consuming wedding plans, set the stage for the production of this year's volume. Linda Hunter Adams, the student publication advisor, has been as involved in the production of this volume as the rest of us have been from the outset. Our gratitude will never be able to compensate for the amount of energy she spends in mentoring the students through the challenges of every publication. Her ELang 430R class has also been an essential part of this volume's completion.

No publication would be complete without the authors, who need to be thanked for their ambition and critical thinking in bringing to light the various issues concerning the recent business scandals. If the authors, editors, and advisors of this journal become the future lawyers, accountants, businessmen and women, and educators of the world, then I believe the answer to the question "Can business be trusted?" will soon be "yes."

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