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In this the twentieth volume of the *Brigham Young University Prelaw Review*, one who is familiar with previous volumes of the journal will quickly note that the content of the journal has undergone a dramatic shift. In years past, in order to publish an article in the *BYU Prelaw Review* undergraduate BYU students wrote on a predetermined topic such as affirmative action or corporate scandals. However, in an effort to more accurately reflect the workings of a law school journal, this year the *Prelaw Review* staff decided to make the topic choice open so that undergraduate students could write on whatever legal topic interested them.

As a result of this change to the journal, you will find contained herein articles on various current legal issues from the Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Enforcement Act to the insanity defense to the current medical malpractice malady our country is facing.

Each article was handpicked from a number of undergraduate submissions for its thorough research, high-quality writing, and discussion of an interesting and current legal issue. The editing process was then conducted by undergraduate prelaw students in conjunction with the student authors, both of who put much time and effort into producing a high-quality end-product. Indeed, I believe that due to the efforts of the students the caliber and content of the articles produced herein surpass that which is generally expected of undergraduate students. Because of this, I am proud to present this journal to you for your reading. I hope that as you take the time to read these articles you will not only be able to gain additional intellectual stimulation on the topics addressed, but also feel impressed by the work produced by these BYU undergraduate authors and editors.

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