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EDITOR'S NOTE

Special efforts have been made this year to make this volume of the *Brigham Young University Prelaw Review* better than ever. In previous volumes, we used style guides that undergraduate students were familiar with such as Turabian or Chicago. This year we used Bluebook as a way to align our journal with the most commonly accepted style guide for legal writing and to better prepare ourselves for the rigors of law school. The structure of the journal also changed. Under the newly organized position of lead editors, Megan Woodhouse and Joshua Chandler each supervised smaller groups of editors and authors. These smaller groups gave author–editor teams better, more intimate support than I could have otherwise offered. A special thanks to Megan and Josh, who took a newly formed ambiguous role and turned it into huge successes.

The most significant change this year came by allowing students to select their own topics. As a result this year's volume has more than doubled the length of last year's volume. The articles' length and depth markedly increased as authors further explored their areas of experience and of interest. Many of the authors began the process to publish in this journal over a year ago. After their articles were selected for publication, the article's authors spent three to four months working with an assigned editor to perfect their work.

As a result, the author–editor teams offer competent, fresh ideas to controversial and diverse issues such as taxes, cloning, and enemy combatants, while other authors present their unique perspective for cases as important and as old as *Dred Scott*. The diverse topics engaged in this journal are exciting because they represent the ideas of current undergraduate students who will someday influence the future U.S. legal system.

I want to personally thank Catherine Bramble and others such as Gabe Middleton and Jonathan Beutler who have added to the success of this journal. Without the support and active involvement of Catherine, many of the changes that make this volume unique would not have occurred.

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