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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the twenty-second volume of the *Brigham Young University Prelaw Review*. This year the *BYU Prelaw Review* has continued to reach new heights of professionalism thanks to the incredible efforts of our student editors and authors. Specifically, there are three things that have contributed to making this year's journal so impressive.

First, we have continued to modify the organizational structure of the journal to more accurately reflect the structure of a law school law review and to allow more students to take on individual responsibilities and excel in specific areas. In last year's edition, for the first time we created the positions of lead design editor, lead citations editor, and others to allow this to occur. This year's edition has built on that strong commitment to leadership, choosing students for leadership positions early in the spring from former staff members and giving full ownership to those leaders to fulfill their assigned tasks. The result has been that more students have worked in leadership roles in the production of this journal leading to a higher quality journal.

Second, we have continued to build on an academic class structure to complete the work on the *Prelaw Review*, going from a second block class fall semester and 1.0 credit class winter semester, to a full fall semester 1.0 credit class and a 2.0 credit class in the winter semester. The additional two months and extra hours in class have allowed authors and editors to work more thoroughly through the editing and publication process and produce a product that is both professional and gives meaningful insights into our current legal system. The extra time and additional edits have also allowed staff members to become experts at the Bluebook Citation Guide to a level that one would expect to see in law students, not undergraduates.

Third, thanks to the efforts of last year's staff and the work of LDS Philanthropies, in the spring of 2007, we were able to secure an endowment from the Rawlinson Family Foundation that will fund

the *Prelaw Review* annually into perpetuity. I cannot express how grateful I am for the individual donors who have contributed on an annual basis to fund the *Prelaw Review* to this point in time. Their contributions and support of the *Prelaw Review* from its earliest stages to what it is now have made this entire production possible. Additionally, I want to express my personal gratitude to the Rawlinson Family Foundation for being willing to establish an endowment that will now allow the *Prelaw Review* to continue being published on an annual basis.

The opportunity this *BYU Prelaw Review* affords all of the undergraduate students who participate in the journal each year is truly remarkable. Because of the editing, writing, and teamwork skills they learn, they are better equipped to succeed in their future academic and professional pursuits. Indeed, many of the students in the class have commented that participating on the staff of the *BYU Prelaw Review* has been the single best experience of their undergraduate career. I hope that as you read the journal you will concur that the work presented is of an unusually high quality for undergraduate students. What a pleasure it has been, and continues to be, to work with such fine individuals on a daily basis here at Brigham Young University.

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