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## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S NOTE

The 2008 *BYU Prelaw Review* demonstrates Brigham Young University's commitment to excellence in scholarship and student development. Throughout the past year, I have had the privilege to work with ambitious students and incredible faculty who want to produce the best possible undergraduate legal journal. I wish to commend these individuals for their efforts in accomplishing this goal.

Continuing the vision of past journals, this year's staff has worked arduously to present professional and current legal scholarship. Nearly one year ago, we started our preparation for this year's publication by selecting ten student legal articles. With topics ranging from gene patent law to the No Child Left Behind Act, we knew as students that our work on these articles involved more than just editing. Beginning last September, authors and editors studied to find court cases and law review articles to support their arguments. During the year, they remained current on issues pertaining to their topics. And consequently, each of these articles reflects the latest decisions from the courts and scholarship from the legal community. I sincerely thank Professor Steve Averett and the renowned BYU Law Library staff for directing us to the numerous legal resources available. Additionally, I especially acknowledge the meticulous efforts of our authors and editors who have made sure these articles are applicable today.

While producing a reputable legal journal is our main goal, this year the *Prelaw Review* has resolved to prepare each of its staff members for future professional scholarship and work in the legal field. Every member of the *Prelaw Review* has become proficient in Bluebook system of legal citations and all have spent countless hours editing and source checking each other's legal articles. I thank our lead editors Matt Duff, Shea Gibbons, Daniel Hoer, and Kristine Taylor for their committed assistance to their respective authors. Overall, our staff members know how to analyze pressing issues, incorporate legal citations, and present cogent legal arguments. Fur-

thermore, while all of the students have been thoroughly involved in the research and editing aspect of the journal, they have also received training in journal publishing. Alison Shakespear, Rachel Hill, and Matt Chandler have worked diligently to teach our staff Adobe InDesign and to ensure the Prelaw Review is of the highest professional quality. Certainly, members of this year's staff not only exhibit an understanding of legal issues, they possess the ability to excel in law and other professional pursuits.

Lastly, I thank Prelaw Advisor Catherine Bramble and Managing Editor Nathan Curtis for their tremendous efforts on this year's journal. Professor Bramble's legal background and commitment to the journal's success have made each issue of the BYU Prelaw Review a commendable work of legal writing. Additionally, Nathan Curtis's dedicated assistance, knowledge, and leadership on the journal foretell his promising future in law. Consequently, great faculty members, exceptional students, and generous donors such as the Rawlinson Family Foundation explain the excellent work of the 2008 BYU Prelaw Review. With great pleasure I present this journal to you for your enjoyment.

Scot Bayles  
Editor-in-Chief