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The 2012 Brigham Young University Prelaw Review (the “Journal”), like other volumes in the past, continues to demonstrate Brigham Young University’s commitment to excellence in scholarship and student development. Throughout this past year it has been a privilege to work with ambitious students who want to produce the best possible undergraduate legal journal.

Continuing the vision of the Journal, this year’s staff has worked arduously to present professional and current legal scholarship. As undergraduates, the depth and breadth of the topics addressed required that these students do much more than just editing. The authors and editors studied to find court cases and law review articles to support their arguments. During the year, as new information became available, authors and editors continually updated and re-focused their arguments to provide timely discussions of the current issues. Consequently, each of these articles reflects the latest decisions from the courts and scholarship from the legal community.

It is always the goal to produce a reputable legal journal. However, this experience also provides the opportunity for members of the staff to prepare themselves for future professional scholarship and work in the legal field. Each student has become proficient in the Bluebook system of legal citations, and all have spent countless hours editing and source checking each other’s legal articles. The students have also learned to analyze pressing issues, incorporate legal citations, and present cogent legal arguments, while receiving training in journal publishing. These students leave the 2012 edition of this Journal possessing the ability to excel in law and other professional pursuits.

We continue to be grateful for the endowment from the Rawlinson Family Foundation that funds the Journal and the support of Brigham Young University’s resources to create and print this publication. As you read the topics addressed in this Journal, I am sure that you will agree that this is an impressive work produced by these

BYU undergraduate authors and editors. It continues to be a pleasure to work with such fine individuals and students on a daily basis.

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