Editor-in-Chief's Note

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The 2007 edition of the BYU Prelaw Review showcases the successful fulfillment of the journal’s new mission statement. The fifth point in the mission statement, “creating bonds that help people work together more effectively,” has played an integral role in the success of this year’s edition. Efforts to build unity among the editorial staff and authors have resulted in unprecedented enthusiasm, which has helped the journal achieve its newly defined mission. E.B. White closes his famous children’s book, Charlotte’s Web, with the line, “It is not often that someone comes along who is a true friend and a good writer.” Not only have many good writers been trained this year, but true friendships have been fostered.

Several successful aspects of the 2006 edition have been continued this year. Sincere thanks is extended to Robert Snyder and Catherine Bramble for the changes they implemented last year, particularly broadening the range of article topics, creating positions for lead editors, and instituting the use of the Bluebook citation method. The Prelaw Review has continued to find the use of lead editors to be invaluable, and we thank Ian Dawson, Jeff Harris, and Chris Bates for their significant contribution to the editing of the journal. In addition to having lead editors, two new production positions were created. Sara Smith spent several hours working as the Lead Citations Editor and effectively organized a team of production editors to complete the necessary source checking for the journal with very limited Bluebook training. Taylor Profita enthusiastically approached the new position of Lead Design Editor by creating a new template for the journal and training the entire journal staff in Adobe InDesign. His significant contributions greatly aided in the production of the journal this year.

Building on the success of last year’s journal has allowed this year’s leadership to create a more organized and efficient editing schedule and process. You may notice that the 2007 edition is being printed much earlier in the year than previous editions of the journal. The planning and writing for this year’s journal began a full year ago in April.
2006. Adherence to deadlines and an increased level of participation on the part of our authors have made this early production possible.

There are several people whose support and guidance have aided in publishing the *BYU Prelaw Review*. I would like to thank Catherine Bramble for her guidance and trust in our student editors and authors. Linda Hunter Adams and Mel Thorne have been excellent resources for editing instruction. Their years of experience working with student publications and their willingness to offer assistance provided the stability needed for a journal relying on amateur undergraduate editors and authors. I would also like to thank Professor Steve Averett of the BYU Law School for offering tours of the Howard W. Hunter Law Library and research and citations aid to our staff. Lastly, this work could not have been accomplished without the unwavering dedication of Jonathan Beutler and his willing attitude to work together on any project requiring our attention. It is with great pleasure that I present this edition of the *BYU Prelaw Review* to you for your reading.

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