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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As each volume of the *DePaul Law Review* nears its final issue, the Editor in Chief has the privilege of reflecting on the accomplishments of the Volume and sharing our experiences. As the Editor in Chief of Volume 62, this is a privilege and an honor that I do not take lightly. This letter is my first formal opportunity to recognize the Board and staff of Volume 62 for their tireless commitment to working together to produce an impressive collection of articles. Taking on this endeavor required an inordinate amount of time and dedication from a group of extraordinarily talented individuals, and publishing this Volume could not have been accomplished without their incredible efforts. Though many of us were mere acquaintances when this process began, we have forged life-long friendships that will persist throughout our legal careers. I owe a special debt of gratitude to the Board of Volume 61 for electing a brilliant group of individuals to carry on the tradition of the *DePaul Law Review*.

Among the first individuals that we must recognize and express our sincere appreciation for are Mr. Robert Clifford and Professor Stephan Landsman. We are extremely grateful for Mr. Clifford's significant contributions to the *DePaul Law Review* and the Clifford Symposium, which ensure that both continue to achieve success. Similarly, Professor Landsman works relentlessly each year to bring an array of exceptional scholars, practitioners, and academics from across the globe to speak at the Clifford Symposium. This year's Nineteenth Annual Clifford Symposium, *A Brave New World*, explored the impact of financing litigation as the legal profession undergoes a dramatic change. The *DePaul Law Review* and the DePaul legal community are exceptionally fortunate to have Mr. Clifford and Professor Landsman working to bring these informative and educational opportunities to DePaul's campus each year. In our second issue, we had the pleasure of editing and publishing articles that recognized and built on the incredible work of Marc Galanter, the honoree of the previous year's symposium. These articles tackled a variety of complicated challenges that the legal profession is facing and brought new light to old myths.

Our Symposium Editor, Stephanie Mulcahy, organized the Twenty-Third Annual DePaul Law Review Symposium titled *Great Lakes: Emerging Issues for Freshwater Resources*. Stephanie worked dili-

gently to recruit several preeminent environmental scholars and policy experts to discuss the current threats to our freshwater resources.

Our Business Manager, Mike Presbitero, planned our third traditional event, the Eighth Annual Law Review Alumni Reception. Each year we honor a distinguished *DePaul Law Review* alumnus who has exemplified the academic integrity and commitment to excellence in their legal career. This year, we were honored to present the Sapientia Award to William Schaller. Mr. Schaller served as the Illinois Law Editor for Volume 30 and completed his Juris Doctor in 1981. Today, Mr. Schaller is a litigation partner at Baker & McKenzie, where he has served since 1982. It was a great honor to introduce Mr. Schaller at the reception and we are grateful for his enlightening and entertaining remarks.

Turning to the work of the esteemed authors of Volume 62, we were proud to publish thirty-five articles spread across four issues. Twenty-two of those articles represent pieces from our symposia and three were selected by our Managing Editor of Lead Articles, Sean Dutton. We were also fortunate, due to our relationship with the Center for Church-State Studies at DePaul University College of Law, to publish an article in conjunction with a speech from Professor David Campbell. In celebration of the centennial year of the College of Law, we published the remarks of Professor Susan Bandes, who was honored as DePaul's Centennial Distinguished Professor of Law. The remaining nine articles were student-written comments selected by the board of Volume 61. Each of these articles discussed insightful and stimulating legal topics in a wide array of legal fields and we are grateful to each of the authors for their extraordinary work and patience with our tedious editing process.

Finally, I want to take an opportunity to mention and thank a wonderful group of individuals for their dedication to a time-consuming and extraordinarily difficult assignment of publishing Volume 62. The following is only a small glimpse into the characters that brought significant and unique contributions to every facet of this Volume, and whose vibrant input has led to the first-class collection of articles in the preceding pages.

First and foremost, I must thank our Executive Editor Darin Williams. Working in a position that demands the absolute highest attention to detail and time commitment, Darin excelled under a significant amount of pressure, while balancing a full class load and a busy work schedule. While Darin is the master of the Bluebook, as far as it can be mastered, his contributions were far from limited to perfecting the support and citations for each article in Volume 62. His writing and

editing abilities are on display in both Issue 1 as an author and Issue 3 as a coauthor. I was fortunate to have Darin, who operates at a high level on only a few hours of sleep, working across the table from me at the 140-plus line meetings. Through countless hours of reading, editing, debating, arguing, and certainly laughing, I am grateful to call Darin a close friend and there is no question that he will make an exceptional attorney in the near future.

Mark Lenihan served as our Managing Editor of Notes and Comments and he was tasked with several important responsibilities this year. First, in August he put together the prompt and research materials for the write-on competition—a job that requires a significant amount of research, organization, and preparation. Mark was also charged with editing the student-written comments that we published in Volume 62, as well as guiding the staff members through a rigorous writing program. Along with being a St. Louis Cardinals fan and a man who knows his way around a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Mark brought a charismatic sense of energy, enthusiasm, and leadership that inspired both his fellow board members and the entire staff.

As Managing Editor of Lead Articles, Sean Dutton was outstanding in his selection of lead articles and tireless in his dedication to ensuring those articles met the standards of both the *DePaul Law Review* and the particular author. While never short on words, Sean brought a sense of humor that was contagious around the office and kept his fellow board members grounded in a high-stress environment. Sean also never shied away from additional tasks when his fellow editors faced heavy workloads. Sean's effort, energy, and enthusiasm simply cannot be understated.

Along with planning our symposium, Stephanie Mulcahy managed the articles in our third issue, which explored the positive and negative impacts of the Supreme Court's *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes* decision. Stephanie brought a laid back personality to hectic situations, whether it was studying for final exams or editing complex articles. Always in a positive mood and with a yogurt in hand, Stephanie was an exceptional asset to this Volume and her fellow editors.

Mike Presbitero, a man whose collection of CALI awards barely fit in his desk drawers, took the position of Business Manager to a new level. Constantly in my office to ask what needed to be done, Mike volunteered for a variety of important tasks that had to be completed but did not fall under a specific editor's responsibilities, including substituting as Executive Editor for one article. So long as there was sports radio or a Sox broadcast playing, I could count on Mike to take any job and promptly complete it, often to perfection. Mike was an

invaluable resource this year and his future law firm will be fortunate to have him.

The associate editors of Volume 62 were instrumental in guiding each article through our labor-intensive editing process. Elise Addis continuously went above and beyond what was asked and expected of her, always with a smile. She also made it her mission to rid the articles of Volume 62 of the passive voice. Matt Dostal was similarly dedicated to his craft and often came to line meetings with answers to questions he knew would arise. Matt's efforts to meet and exceed his goals and deadlines were critical to the articles he worked on.

Rebecca Stang and Kenan Peterson, cohorts from the beginning, brought a great sense of humor to the office, as well as to their respective line meetings. Kenan, often offering updates on the current trading price of oil futures, was always capable of putting a positive spin on a negative situation. Rebecca, a published author in Volume 62 herself, took great pride in improving the articles that she worked on and was no doubt an asset to those authors. Angelo DiBartolomeo, also a published author in this Volume, was not a great fan of line meetings, but never let that interfere with his ability to meet tight deadlines under strenuous conditions.

Jordan Mobley, perhaps the most laid back personality on the Board of Volume 62, brought a great sense of humor and impressed us all with his ability to consume a semester's worth of reading in less than a week. Kristy Jackson took on several difficult articles and, as with everything else on her plate, she was as prepared and organized as anyone could be—often incorporating a multitude of colors to assist. Last, but far from least, Britney Zilz answered the call on an array of assignments. Assuming she could pull herself away from the variety of technological gadgets at her disposal, Britney was typically the first to volunteer when an extra assignment had to be completed.

One last group that must be given their appropriate recognition is our staff members. Though staff members are handed assignments that are tedious, monotonous, and bring little pleasure, I was often pleased with the quality of work they produced. While their work is often thankless, they were absolutely instrumental to the success of both this Volume and the Editorial Board. We were also quite impressed with the development of the law review-quality articles that this year's staff completed, which made selecting articles for publication in Volume 63 extraordinarily difficult.

Finally, I began this year and this position with the expectation of continuing the *DePaul Law Review's* tradition of publishing high-quality articles that covered a variety of current legal topics. I am

confident that we accomplished this goal, but that was only possible with the exceptional work of the group of editors mentioned above. While the incoming Editorial Board will be making several significant changes to our editing process, we have worked closely with their leaders to ensure their transition will be as seamless as possible. And, as were the Boards that preceded us, we are available to answer any questions or difficulties they encounter. The strong connection that *DePaul Law Review* alumni share is one that has endured several classes and we are honored to continue that tradition.

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\* Editor in Chief, *DePaul Law Review*, Volume 62. I would like to thank Professor Max Helveston for his invaluable and candid advice throughout this difficult process. I would also like to thank my family and friends for the significant support throughout law school and I look forward to enjoying a normal life again. Finally, I must thank my wife, Nicolette, who stood by my side with unwavering support and unconditional love through both law school and this position.

