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## Note from the Chief Managing Editor

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## *Note from the Chief Managing Editor*

As Chief Managing Editor, I am pleased and honored to introduce you to the third issue of Volume 54 of the *University of the Pacific Law Review*. The Board of Editors is excited to share this wonderful scholarship with you!

This issue comprises of Comments written by University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law Students. Each of these comments were written with the assistance and contributions from McGeorge's exceptional faculty and their abundance of experience. These Comments explore a number of issues and areas in the legal system that are extremely relevant now more than ever. A number of Comments cover a variety of areas of law that affect marginalized groups of people; such as immigration law, voting rights law, and civil rights law. These Comments showcase the plethora of research that went into each topic as it illuminates the issues that marginalized groups face and offer unique and daring solutions towards justice. Each of these Comments highlight how the law has committed a grave injustice towards marginalized groups and offers a solution to right those wrongs, such as: codifying protections to prohibit discrimination against people experiencing homelessness; not permitting businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people on the basis of constitutional clauses; not limiting marginalized groups' access to voting; and limiting the judicial discretion in immigration cases to protect a party facing extreme hardships. I am extremely proud of each of these Comments as they highlight the work of law students who are using their position to speak for the voiceless.

The other Comments in this issue cover very important legal issues and offer nuanced views and solutions to legal problems. This includes a Comment that discusses reviving the writ of *audita querela* after a near century of federal abandonment to assist mentally-incompetent prisoners on death row. Another Comment reviews the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Ford* and highlights how there is still a lot of ambiguity in our procedural law that needs to be addressed. This issue also includes a Comment that explores the problems with statutes of limitations being lifted for sexual offenses committed by a minor. This Comment carefully explores this topic with compassion by considering the rights of victims and the rights of the accused. Lastly, the third issue of the Volume 54 contains a Comment that offers a solution for the removal of directors in federal agencies. This is a particularly important problem in our current political climate as the topic touches on a number of constitutional protections.

I would also like to write a thank you to the hard work and dedication from the entire staff of the *University of the Pacific Law Review*. The Board of Editors takes great pride in this journal and all of this work would

not be possible without the Staff Writers, Comment Writers, Primary Editors, and Associate Editors. I was only able to excel in my role as the Chief Managing Editor due to the contributions of our staff.

I hope that you are inspired as I am by each of these Comments. Thank you for reading our third issue and please enjoy!

Ismael Perez  
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