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## *Note from the Editor-in-Chief*

As the McGeorge School of Law commemorates its 100th Anniversary this year, it is an honor to present the first issue of the fifty-fifth volume of the *University of the Pacific Law Review (UPLR)*.

The *UPLR*'s annual Comment program is an instrumental component of the journal. Selected from a competitive application process among McGeorge's student body, Comment Staff Writers spend an entire academic year researching, drafting, writing, and fine-tuning a novel legal argument in an evolving area of law. The selected Comments in this issue cover a number of fascinating topics and reflect the diverse range of interests among the *UPLR*'s staff, including: the implications of California's newly enacted CARE Act; police officers' cultural-linguistic opinions as admissible evidence; the tension between victim-witnesses' constitutional right to attend court proceedings and the witness exclusion rule; amending California's constitutional right to education; and employing advanced technology and training within the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Additionally, I am proud to present Judge Kira Klatchko's in-depth discussion of how extraneous factors influence standards of review.

First, I would like to thank Professor Michael Vitiello for the passion and devotion he brings as the *UPLR*'s faculty advisor. Thank you to the Volume 54 Board of Editors for its guidance along the way. I would also like to thank Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz and Dean Mary-Beth Moylan for their continual support for the journal. Thank you to the Staff Writers and Primary Editors who spent many hours editing this issue. Thank you to my exceptional team that comprises the Board of Editors—Madison Sykes, Kathryn Merrill, Lina Yoo, Tooba Naveed, Adam Nir, and Tristan Hanna. It is a privilege to be surrounded by such a dedicated, selfless team that works so effectively with one another.

Lastly, thank you to our readers. We do this work to enhance legal scholarship, and in doing so we hope we make the McGeorge community—students, faculty, and alumni—proud.

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