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## Letter from the Editor

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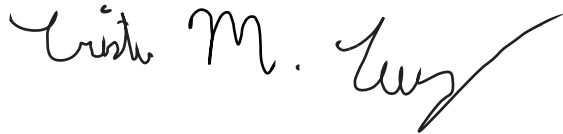
Dear Readers,

Along with the Executive Editorial Board and Editorial Staff, I am proud to present Volume Five of the *Notre Dame Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Continuing our proud tradition of examining the pressing issues of international human rights, this volume of the *Journal* focuses on the Western Hemisphere, namely the Inter-American System of Human Rights. Five distinguished authors with varied and rich professional experience offer analyses of and solutions to some of the most pressing issues facing the Inter-American human rights regime today, ranging from closing the gap between the Anglo-based and Latin-based nations of the Americas to addressing the controversy of the death penalty. It is our hope that this issue provides a basis for fruitful discussion and problem-solving among scholars and practitioners alike.

The *Notre Dame Journal of International Law* also values the contributions of student note writers to international legal scholarship. In accordance with this value, this Volume also features three excellent works of student legal scholarship, addressing issues of freedom of expression on the Internet, the effects of changing Italian family law on property interests, and the protection of global biodiversity, respectively.

I consider it a great privilege to have served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* for the 2014–2015 academic year. I want to thank our readers for their interest and support. I also want to extend a special thank you to the members of the Executive Editorial Board and the Editorial Staff of the *Journal* for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

In Notre Dame,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Trista M. Turley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Trista Turley  
*Editor-in-Chief*