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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers:

Since publishing its inaugural Volume, the *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law* consistently features scholarship that examines international law, comparative law, and global human rights with an eye towards the universality of human dignity. The *Journal* continues this tradition in this year's Volume.

I am pleased to share with you our first issue of Volume 12. This Fall Issue facilitates a discussion of Brexit that follows from the Global Spotlight lecture delivered to Notre Dame Law School on November 2, 2020. Professor Stephen Tierney begins the discussion with the contention that Parliament's legal supremacy does not automatically equate to sovereignty because it cannot be conceived as fully distinct from the executive. The Article explores how the referendum vote for the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union illuminates the constitutional role and authority of Parliament today. Professor Erin Delaney and Professor Richard Ekins provide commentary on Tierney's argument. Delaney evaluates the UK Supreme Court's *Miller II* decision, arguing that the decision can be understood as unorthodox yet legitimate. The Article includes a discussion on the basic structure doctrine and judicial power in India, alluding to the ways in which judicial power may develop, as a political response, under the purview of the UK Supreme Court. Ekins considers the executive, legislative, and judicial dynamics regarding the UK's exit from the EU. The Article acknowledges some constitutional weaknesses but ultimately argues that the UK's political constitution operated effectively to provide for an "orderly and politically legitimate withdrawal from the EU."

Finally, the Fall Issue concludes with two Notes written by Notre Dame Law School students and members of the *Journal*. In the first note, Bridget Rose analyzes the UK and EU parental leave schemes from a human rights perspective. Her Note challenges whether the legislative acts and court jurisprudence align with the dichotomous object and purpose for parental leave: the health and recovery of the mother and wellbeing of the child. In the second Note, Vanessa Perumal champions the need for a U.S. federal data privacy law to protect consumers' right to privacy. Her note provides a comparative analysis of EU and US state privacy law, proposing the inclusion of elements such as federal and state partnerships for enforcement and a private right of action.

On behalf of the *Journal*, I would like to express sincere gratitude to our faculty advisors, Professor Roger Alford and Diane Desierto, for their consistent support and guidance; to the Volume 12 Executive Board and Editorial Staff for their diligence and dedication to the *Journal*; and to our readers.

Yours in Notre Dame,



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