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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers;

For many law students, international law appears to be a terribly convoluted web of non-binding resolutions and spuriously enforced treaties. Like many other International Law Societies, we sought to dispel this confusion by hosting several speaking events and two successful symposiums with the hope that attendees would acquire an appreciation for the importance of international law. With the resounding success of these events, we felt driven to push even further by founding the Notre Dame Journal of International, Comparative, and Human Rights Law.

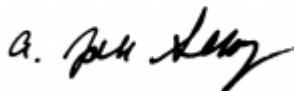
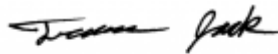
With the establishment of this journal, NDLS joins the ranks of dozens of top law schools with international law journals and we hope this journal will contribute to the development and appreciation of international, comparative and human rights law. While it is certainly an honor to stand alongside the other prestigious journals at NDLS and the dozens of international journals worldwide, we designed JICH to be a leading example of a new form of legal scholarship.

In the spirit of global environmentalism and the modern trend toward free access to legal publications, we designed JICH as an online journal, which we hope will empower it to provide timely commentary on the increasingly dynamic field of international law. To ensure the quality of each publication, every submission to the journal must first gain approval from our committee of faculty advisors before being considered for publication by a committee of student editors. We believe this two-tiered selection process along with the online format will provide the global legal community with a valuable and accessible resource while avoiding unnecessary use of natural resources.

The Notre Dame International Law Society (ILS) has drawn upon the expertise of our international law faculty as well as the strength of our exceptional international law programs to establish this unique journal. Starting a new journal at a relatively small law school with other established and prestigious publications has not been an easy or well-defined endeavor, and we expect the evolution of this project to be an organic process that will likely change course in the future. To that end, we welcome suggestions for improving our format in the hopes that the development of this project meets the needs of students and professionals committed to the development of international law education in American law schools.

Thank you for your time and interest in international law.

In Notre Dame,



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