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Letter from the Editor

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure and personal pride that we introduce Volume 14, Issue 3 of our *Journal*, a special issue highlighting the Notre Dame London Law Programme. This program is dedicated to shaping a different kind of lawyer—a global citizen prepared for a transnational legal career. As the oldest study-abroad program offered by an American law school and the only yearlong overseas program approved by the American Bar Association, it epitomizes global legal education.

One-third of this year's *Journal* members, including myself, studied in London. My own time in the London Law Programme and on the *Journal* has profoundly impacted my life, broadened my horizons, and deepened my appreciation for international legal systems. This transformative experience inspired the creation of this special issue, which we hope will convey the profound influence of this unique program.

This issue highlights the critical regulatory, cultural, and geopolitical challenges in contemporary legal practice. In this special issue, we present four articles by London Law Programme professors.

Katherine Reece Thomas's article examines the regulatory challenges and gaps governing deep seabed mining. Her piece emphasizes the need for binding international regulations to protect the environment and ensure equitable benefit-sharing.

Mark Hill's article provides an insightful overview of religious courts in Africa. He discusses varying levels of state recognition and integration, the enforceability of their decisions, and the complexities of implementing religious law across diverse African countries.

Bobby Reddy's article explores the impact of regulatory differences on executive compensation. He highlights the effects of the U.K.'s binding say-on-pay vote compared to the advisory vote in the U.S., suggesting that cultural norms and market performance also play significant roles in pay levels.

Sahib Juss and Satvinder Juss's article delves into the impact of U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan. The authors argue that these strikes have failed to achieve their intended securitization goals, leading to increased anti-American sentiment, insurgency, and collateral damage, and call for a reassessment of their long-term consequences on regional security.

A special thank you to *Journal* members Claire Crites, Scott Holben, Olla Jaraysi, Perla Khattar, Anthony Krempe, and Pavithra Rajendran for taking the time to go above and beyond to help complete this issue. The utmost thank you is owed to Sachit Shrivastav and Chris Ostertag from the *Notre Dame Law Review*, who spent countless hours ensuring this special issue reached the finish line. Their cross-journal support exemplifies the spirit of the Notre Dame community and what it truly means to be a different kind of lawyer. This issue would not be possible without their support.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to our contributors for their scholarship, our dedicated editorial team, our faculty advisors, and our readers for your continued support. We hope this special issue will foster thoughtful reflection, spark engaging discussions, and inspire innovative approaches within the legal community from South Bend to London and beyond.

Yours in Notre Dame,



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