

## Letter from the Editor

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Tradition dictates that as each volume of the *DePaul Law Review* nears its end, the Editor in Chief has the privilege of reflecting on the accomplishments and successes of the past year. I am honored to continue this tradition by recognizing the many individuals who worked tirelessly to create this Volume. Publishing a journal takes an inordinate amount of time, effort, and dedication. The Editorial Board of Volume 64 sacrificed many hours to publish this Volume, and I am proud to call them my colleagues. Even though the editing process is difficult and time consuming, we managed to have a lot of fun this past year. The work the Board poured into the Journal is impressive, and I am confident that this Volume reflects the many efforts of the Board.

The *Law Review*'s alumni are one of its greatest assets. Over the past year, the support and contributions of alumni were impressive. One of our greatest supporters has been Mr. Robert Clifford. The "crown jewel" of the *Law Review* is its annual Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy—a Symposium that exists with Mr. Clifford's support and encouragement. Mr. Clifford is also a fantastic mentor for the Editorial Board. His advice and thoughtful comments are an invaluable resource. The Symposium is a veritable "who's who" in modern legal academia. It produces scholarship that is truly on the cutting edge of the law. This year's Symposium, *The Supreme Court, Business and Civil Justice*, explored the influence of corporate interests on the Supreme Court. The Symposium provides not only impressive scholarship, but also unique opportunities for students: it is not often a law student finds herself sitting at a table with Richard Epstein or sipping a cocktail next to Erwin Chemerinsky. These experiences are some of the most memorable of the past year and truly unique to our *Review*. Of course, none of this could have been done without Mr. Clifford or Professor Stephan Landsman, who has done a fantastic job serving as the "Managing Partner" of the Symposium throughout my time as Editor in Chief. Professor Landsman is a treat to work with. Not only is he frighteningly intelligent, but he is also a kind and supportive mentor. He is a huge asset to the *Review*.

The journal also hosted the Twenty-Fifth Annual DePaul Law Review Symposium, *The UAS Dilemma: Unlimited Potential, Unresolved Concerns*. Symposium Editor Dan Ross organized a day of discussions led by practitioners and academics experienced in the field to

discuss the legal implications of rapidly expanding drone use. The Symposium featured energetic and impassioned discussions of the law and is sure to result in articles that contribute greatly to this emerging area of legal scholarship. The symposium was a fabulous success thanks to Dan's hard work, and was certainly an accomplishment that the Editors of Volume 64 can be proud of.

Another highlight was the Tenth Annual DePaul Law Review Alumni Reception, organized by Business Manager Nicole Mirjanich. The Alumni Reception is one of our most popular events, where attorneys from all over the country mingle with other distinguished *Law Review* alumni and catch up with old friends. At the event, the *Law Review* honors a distinguished alumnus who represents the values of the journal and a commitment to excellence in the legal profession with the Sapientia Award. This year we had the honor of recognizing Ms. Madeleine Weldon-Linne with the Award. As Managing Partner of Weldon-Linne & Vogt, Ms. Weldon-Linne has established a career as an accomplished trial lawyer who truly cares about her clients. She is an inspiration and role model for all young attorneys. Getting to know Ms. Weldon-Linne was one of the highlights of my time on the journal and I will continue to look up to her as a mentor for the rest of my career.

As well as the *Review's* many events, the journal also produced an impressive body of content this year. Our journal covers a wide range of topics, all fascinating and well written. Included in this category are the Comments written by our student authors, who spent countless days writing and editing late into the night in order to get their pieces ready for publication. Also instrumental in preparing the pieces for publication were the members of the Editorial Board, who spent hours editing at home and in line meetings. Without them, none of these articles would exist.

The contributions of Allen Thomas, our Executive Editor, cannot be overstated. Allen's knowledge of the Bluebook is truly impressive. He is also a fantastic editor, knowledgeable on the topics of grammar and style. He spent hours pouring over binders in the office and was always quick to find errors that the rest of us would miss. He was also one of the most-loved members of the Board; you can find quotes attributable to him all over the office. I spent more time with Allen in line meetings this year than with anyone else, and it has been a true honor to learn from him and to call him a confidant. Without him, this Volume would never have been possible, and I am so grateful for his contributions. They did not go unnoticed.

Joey Falk, Managing Editor of Lead Articles, was also crucial to the *Review's* success this year. Joey's sense of humor and laid-back style made him a pleasure to work with for both editors and authors. He was often tasked with responding to my very demanding emails at unpredictable hours, yet he never complained and always did his job with a great attitude. The fact that he was able to serve as the conduit between the journal and authors while taking classes, attending line meetings, and working many hours a week still amazes me. He is a truly dedicated worker, and the journal was very lucky to have him.

Amanda Moncada, Managing Editor of Notes and Comments, was the lead editor on student-written articles, the organizer of the Inter-Journal Write-On Competition, and the face of the journal to the *Law Review* Staffers as they participated in the journal's writing program. With her guidance and mentorship, the Staffers produced an impressive range of comments on topics ranging from sports cartels to cat-calling. Some of these pieces will appear in next year's Volume. Amanda is fiercely smart, frighteningly organized, and unwaveringly ambitious. Her contribution to the journal was paramount, and she is bound to be successful in any endeavor she pursues.

Symposium Editor Dan Ross, briefly mentioned above, deserves another mention here. The work he contributed to the Symposium was huge. He spent weeks contacting speakers, coordinating vendors, and taking care of the administrative tasks necessary to create an amazing symposium. Dan also served as a Managing Editor for Issue 3 of the Volume and was instrumental during Board elections. His contributions to the journal were incredibly valuable, and the journal owes him a debt of gratitude for all his hard work.

Nicole Mirjanich, the journal's Business Manager, also played a huge part in the day-to-day function of the *Law Review*. She had a number of incredibly important tasks, including budgeting, web design, mail coordination, address compilation, and office manager, among many others. Like Joey, Nicole had the misfortune of receiving many late-night emails, usually demanding prompt attention and action. Nicole is responsible for modernizing the *Review's* website and ensuring that publications are posted as soon as they are issued. Not only that, but she managed to get the journal through the school year without running out of cash. The journal owes her a thank you for all of her hard work.

The *Law Review* is also deeply indebted to the Associate Editors of Volume 64. The Associate Editors were truly essential to the editing process, and the amount of time and effort they put into their work was remarkable. Elizabeth McErlean, who hosted our annual pre-

election party, was not only a hard worker, but always ready to celebrate the accomplishments of the Staffers she worked with. She took her role as a mentor seriously, and she greatly improved the quality of any piece she edited. Always upbeat and fun to be around, Liz was a huge contributor to the journal. Associate Editor Marina Merjan could often be found in the office (often with Elisa Nolte, another fabulous editor) laughing and chatting. Marina is a fantastic writer and editor, and her contributions to the journal are deeply appreciated. Elisa's work was also consistently impressive. Elisa was a zealous advocate for her Staffers, a quality that will serve any client she represents well. Her laughter will be missed by all of the Editors of Volume 64.

Jenna Stupar, the unofficial social chair of the journal, made a tremendous impact on the journal this year. Not only is she a talented writer with a fantastic grasp of grammar and style, but she is also the kind of person whose personality can only be described as infectious. She brought the journal together over drinks and hilariously written emails. I was always excited to see her in the office; her smile truly lights up a room. She is also an excellent bocce player. The journal was lucky to have her.

Sylvia Zarski was our resident Bluebook expert this year, a position normally reserved for the Executive Editor. Some of the best line meetings featured matchups between Sylvia and Allen, where her straightforward understanding of the rules of citation shone. Every piece of work she turned in was nothing less than pristine. On top of that, Sylvia is simply a pleasure to be around; she was a huge contribution to the journal.

Cory Smith was tasked with probably the most work of any of our Associate Editors. Somehow, she always ended up on huge editorial projects. But Cory never, ever complained—she rose to every task and constantly turned in beautiful work. Her work was not only free of errors, but it was always clean, printed beautifully and tabbed neatly. The quality of Cory's work is only surpassed by the quality of her personality—she is kind, smart, and funny. The journal thanks her for all of her hard work this past year.

Pat McMahan, the lone male in a sea of female Associate Editors, did fantastic work this past year. He could often be found on his laptop in the office, usually distracting Jenna. He worked very closely with his Staffers and did an excellent job at improving the quality of their writing. His athleticism also served us well at our annual

kickball game.<sup>1</sup> I am confident that he will be successful in his legal career, and the journal thanks him for all his work on this Volume. Maggie Rhoda, another Associate Editor with an undoubtedly bright future ahead of her, was also instrumental in our success this past year. Her biting sense of humor and keen editorial eye were greatly appreciated during line meetings. She is a fantastic editor and an incredibly hard worker. She will be successful in anything she does. Thank you to all of the Associate Editors for their hard work and for making this year so much fun.

Lastly, the Editorial Board must thank two groups who were instrumental in our success this year. To the Editors of Volume 63, we owe you a debt of gratitude on two fronts: first, for training us to be the best editors possible; and second, for putting together a smart, funny, and cohesive Board of Editors. And to the Staffers of Volume 64, even though we might have put you through the ringer with cite checking and the writing program, your contributions\ to the journal is immeasurable. We are so proud of the work you created this year and hope that your time on the journal gives you the tools to be the best lawyers you can be. Thank you for all of your hard work, and good luck next year.

In sum, it has been a true honor to serve as Editor in Chief of Volume 64 of the *DePaul Law Review*. I am very proud of the *Review's* many contributions to the legal world, and thankful for the skills the journal has given me. I know these skills will serve me well as I start my legal career—a career that I can only hope will be as rewarding as my time as Editor in Chief.

*Kate Watson Moss\**

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1. The journal must acknowledge Ryan Hauer, our honorary Kickball Editor, for organizing the kickball game this year. His contributions to the journal were significant, and it would be unjust for his efforts to go unmentioned here.

\* Editor in Chief, *DePaul Law Review*, Volume 64. I would like to thank Professors Max Helveston, Monu Bedi, Bobbi Kwall, Wendy Netter Epstein, Bruce Ottley, and Emily Cauble for their contributions, kindness, guidance, and wisdom. I would also like to thank Professor Stephan Landsman for his support over the past year; I would have been lost without his guidance and advice. I would also like to thank my family and friends—Mom, Dad, Leah, Lois, Greg, Jaimee, Jill, Cory, Sarah, Janna—for the love and support they have provided throughout my time in law school. Finally, I must thank my husband, Josh, who has always been patient, supportive, loving, and attentive, even when I was at my worst. Any success I have had is directly attributed to him.

