

Letter From the Editor

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As each Volume of the *DePaul Law Review* approaches publication of its final issue, the Editor in Chief has the privilege of reflecting on the past year's accomplishments. I am honored to continue this long-held tradition and share a glimpse of the drive, determination, and dedication that the Editors and Staff Members of Volume 65 put forth throughout this past year to produce an impressive and legally relevant volume of the *DePaul Law Review*. Publishing a journal is no easy feat, and it certainly cannot be done without a zealous group of individuals who are willing to go above and beyond, lend a hand when needed, and provide copious amounts of encouragement. The Editors and Staff Members of Volume 65 were all of that and more. As Editor in Chief, I simply could not have asked for a better group of individuals to face this feat with. In addition to the late-night editing meetings, the multitude of revisions to student-written article drafts, and weeklong cite-checking assignments, this past year consisted of developing new skills, forging friendships that will exist both within and outside of our legal careers, and a Volume of the *DePaul Law Review* that I could not be more proud of.

One of DePaul University College of Law's greatest strengths is its alumni network, and the same certainly holds true for the *Law Review*. As Editor in Chief, I witnessed firsthand the generous support of this journal's alumni—most notably, those of Mr. Robert Clifford. Through Mr. Clifford's generosity and partnership, the *DePaul Law Review* has the unique privilege of hosting the Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy, one of the leading legal symposia in the country, each year. The Clifford Symposium continually delivers a thoughtful and well-executed dive into a particular area of law. This year's Symposium, *Privacy, Data Theft and Corporate Responsibility*, certainly followed suit. The Symposium explored the particularly timely topic of data theft, its impact on corporate responsibility, and whether courts have the proper tools to act. Of course, in addition to Mr. Clifford's generosity, this Symposium would not run nearly as smoothly without the unwavering support of Professor Stephan Landsman. Not only did I have the pleasure of sitting in Professor Landsman's Torts class during my first year of law school, but I also had the opportunity to work with and learn from him during my tenure as Editor in Chief, for which I am extremely grateful. The *DePaul Law Review* and the Chicago legal community are very fortunate to

have such a unique opportunity to listen to, and publish, such knowledgeable, top-rate, and respected legal scholars who continue to pave the path in their respective practice areas. The Clifford Symposium is always a memorable event, and I cannot wait to read the amazing scholarship that this past year's Symposium generates.

Another highlight of this past year was the journal's own symposium: The Twenty-Sixth Annual DePaul Law Review Symposium, *Daily Fantasy Sports and Sports Gambling*. Sean Hennessy, our self-proclaimed sports fanatic and Symposium Editor, did a phenomenal job orchestrating a day filled of thought-provoking panels, discussions, and lectures that were centered around the legal implications of sports gambling. The day's events generated lively debate among industry experts, energetic participation from event attendees, and extremely positive feedback. It was an absolute pleasure working with Sean and watching him orchestrate such a successful event on a topic that he is so passionate about. The Twenty-Sixth Annual DePaul Law Review Symposium was truly one of the best, and that is all thanks to Sean's hard work and dedication.

As stated, the *DePaul Law Review* alumni are a great asset to the journal, and Antonia Kopec, Business Manager of Volume 65, did a fantastic job organizing the Eleventh Annual DePaul Law Review Alumni Reception. During this reception, the journal has the privilege of recognizing a distinguished *DePaul Law Review* alumnus who exemplifies the values of the journal and a commitment to Vincentian values in the legal field. This year, we were proud to present Ms. Noelle Brennan with the Sapientia Award. Ms. Brennan, who currently manages her own law firm in Chicago, continues to demonstrate an immense amount of drive and determination in her career. It was my honor to meet Ms. Brennan and present this well-deserved award to her.

To me, the greatest highlight of all this past year was working with a group of hardworking, dedicated, and thoughtful individuals, all of whom I am not only proud to call my colleagues, but my friends.

Angela Oldham, Executive Editor of Volume 65, was my right-hand confidant throughout the entire year. Every day of the week, you could count on seeing Angela hunkered down in the office—headphones in, Bluebook out, and binders aplenty—scrupulously reviewing countless footnotes and citations. Not only is she the Bluebook Queen, but her grammar and writing skills are also something to envy, and I had the pleasure of editing her article that was published in Issue 3. Angela truly is “Superwoman;” on top of excelling in her academics, managing the demands of Executive Editor, and balancing her

personal and professional responsibilities, Angela was always there to lend an ear when someone needed it. I could not have asked for a brighter, kinder, and more hardworking Executive Editor, and I am grateful for the friendship that grew out of hours spent editing articles, debating edits, and sharing countless stories and laughs.

Elizabeth Attard, Managing Editor of Lead Articles, sifted through hundreds of article submissions to find poignant, timely, and interesting pieces that only enhanced the Law Review. Elizabeth was also a huge asset to the journal in editing meetings and soon became my “comma catcher.” Her laid-back personality helped keep fellow board members (certainly myself) grounded and focused during moments of high stress, which made her a pleasure to work with. Elizabeth’s ability to manage the demands of article selection, editing meetings, and serving as the “face” of the Law Review to our esteemed authors was unmatched. Not only was the journal fortunate to have her, but I consider myself very fortunate to have worked with, and learned from, Elizabeth.

Riebana Sachs, Managing Editor of Notes and Comments, wore many hats throughout this past year. She organized the Interjournal Write-On Competition, served as a lead editor on student-written articles, and, perhaps most importantly, guided, mentored, and provided valuable feedback to the Staff Members of Volume 65 as they worked tirelessly to craft well-written notes and comments. Despite the many long nights it took her to carefully read, analyze, and provide valuable feedback on student-written articles, Riebana did so with a smile. Her wit, humor, and brains cannot be matched, and I look forward to seeing everything she accomplishes throughout the years.

I would be remised if I did not re-mention our Symposium Editor, Sean Hennessy, who not only worked tirelessly to produce an outstanding symposium, but consistently went above and beyond to offer help and support when needed. I am forever grateful for his contributions and friendship.

Antonia Kopec, our Business Manager, also deserves another mention for her role in advancing the Law Review. Antonia took her role seriously, spending countless hours ensuring our subscription lists were up to date, managing the budget, updating the journal’s website, ordering supplies, and making sure all of us kept the office fridge clean (which was definitely no easy feat!). Antonia’s work ethic is admirable, and the journal owes her a huge thank you.

The journal simply would not, and could not, exist without the amazingly talented Associate Editors who were instrumental in seeing each article through the time-intensive editing process and mentoring

several Staff Members throughout the various phases of the writing program. The Associate Editors of Volume 65 demonstrated an immense amount of dedication to the journal, consistently putting in additional hours to ensure articles were properly cite-checked, edits were efficiently inputted, and Staff Members were up to date on their writing requirements. It is hard for me to express my gratitude to this group in such a limited amount of space, but this is a start.

Joseph Gregorio certainly lived up to the nickname we dubbed him with, "Joe the Pro," throughout the year by always ensuring that he made the proper edits and making the Law Review office a more jovial place with his sarcasm and humor. Speaking of humor, Jennifer James certainly brought that to our editing meetings. When Jennifer was the Associate Editor on an article, we always knew that we would not only have a line meeting full of laughs, but that we would receive excellent work product. Anastasia Sotiropoulos also produced excellent work product, consistently spending her weekends carefully reviewing binders to ensure the footnotes and citations were pristine. Despite some challenging articles, Anastasia never once complained and took great pride in her work. Meagan Pagels made a tremendous impact on the journal this year with her optimistic attitude and kind personality. Not only was Meagan an excellent editor, but she was also an excellent mentor for her staff members, answering any questions thrown her way and doing everything she could to provide a solid answer. Similarly, Caroline Kane, who graciously volunteered to serve as an editor for an additional Staff Member, always took the time to check in and provide guidance when asked. Like Elizabeth, her calm, cool, and collected personality kept us all sane during stressful meetings. On top of his excellent editing, Wei Chen Lin deserves a round of applause for answering every single technology question we threw at him throughout the year and for consistently fixing the scanner when it decided to spontaneously stop working for me, which was often. Lastly, Taylor Van Hove, the journal's unofficial social chair, deserves a huge thank you for bringing fun to the journal. Her spunk and work ethic made her a joy to work with, and I am glad I got to know her better throughout the year. As stated, this is only a small showing of the gratitude I have for this group of individuals, and I cannot thank them enough for making this past year unforgettable.

Lastly, I must thank two other instrumental groups before I conclude this letter and my time as Editor in Chief. First, to the Editorial Board of Volume 64, thank you for your patience with us when we were Staff Members, teaching us how to be editors, and for selecting such a cohesive, intelligent, and reliable group of individuals to make

up the Editorial Board of Volume 65. To the Staff Members of Volume 65, although you may not have known it or felt it at the time, your contributions to the journal, whether it be cite-checking or writing your own articles, were immeasurable. I wish you the best of luck with all of your future endeavors and cannot wait to see where you take the *DePaul Law Review*.

It has been an absolute honor and pleasure serving as Editor in Chief for the sixty-fifth volume of the *DePaul Law Review*. I am extremely proud of what this group accomplished over the past year, the contributions we made to the journal's history, the skills we learned, and the friendships we gained. I look forward to beginning my legal career, which I can only hope will challenge me as much as this past year did, and I will always look back fondly at my time spent as Editor in Chief of the *DePaul Law Review*.

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