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FOREWORD

HSTLJ is committed to advancing the legal discourse on Science and Technology. On behalf of the *Hastings Science and Technology Law Journal* (HSTLJ), we proudly present our Summer 2022 Issue.

As the world emerges from the global pandemic, controversies in intellectual property and privacy have made their way to the forefront of legal debate. This issue focuses on big tech's efforts to stay dominant through the use of trademarks and the need for advancement in privacy law. The Issue's first article written by our very own Denise Prichard analyzes big tech companies expansive and anti-competitive practices using United States trademark law as it's club.

Shifting gears, the remaining articles take a comprehensive and analytical approach to the hot topic of privacy law. The second article, written by Ruben De Bruin examines the origins of privacy law while taking a comparative and critical approach by analyzing the divergent practices of the United States and European Union. The next article, written by our Executive Submissions Editor, Jagdeep Sekhon examines how social media companies police their users' speech on their platforms and how legislation is responding, shedding light on a current and controversial topic. Finally, our fourth article by Dan Yosipovitch analyzes the shortcomings of American privacy law in regard to private data in the digital age.

We are sure that this issue will spark thoughtful conversation for the specialist and non-specialist alike.

We thank our amazing staff editors and editorial board for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the quality and completion of this issue. Additionally, we extend a special thanks to our Executive Submissions Editor, Jagdeep Sekhon, who vetted and secured the articles for this Issue's publication and to our Executive Production Editors, Andy Perez and Megan Pham, who led our Staff Editors and worked diligently to guarantee the legitimacy of our publication. This publication would not have been possible without their efforts, and we are eternally grateful.

We thank our authors for their novel contributions and hope you enjoy the Summer 2022 Issue as much as we have.

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