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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sixty-six years after the founding of the *Hastings Law Journal*, much has changed. The times of physically turning a page are all but gone. Now we prefer the swipe of a finger or the click of a mouse. It is a challenge for long-standing institutions to keep up with the times. Inertia is powerful—it is far easier to watch things change than change with the times. Nevertheless, this year, *Hastings Law Journal* met the challenge head on. In addition to overhauling our website, we launched SCOCABlog, a blog dedicated to covering the Supreme Court of California. Launching a blog, I have learned, is no small feat, and I am grateful for the assistance of a number of people, including David Carrillo, Executive Director of the California Constitution Center, Michael Charlebois, Executive Technology Editor of Volume 66, and our sponsors Kerr & Wagstaffe LLP and Horvitz & Levy LLP. Although we have a ways to go, I am confident that future generations of *Journal* members are up to this challenge.

Notwithstanding our focus on technology, we also maintained our focus on “traditional” *Journal* work. This year, we have published more than forty articles, many of which focused on the most complicated legal problems facing lawyers today. Topics included NSA surveillance, the murder of transgender women, the effect of *Daimler v. Bauman*, instrumental music and the First Amendment, cell site simulators and the Fourth Amendment, the meaning of the “touch and concern” test from *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum*, same-sex marriage, and the constitutional limits on punitive damages awards. In addition to these, Volume 66 published thirteen student-written pieces, including one online, on issues such as international tax, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, renewable energy, climate change, price fixing in the secondary art market, and terrorists’ use of social media.

Finally, the *Journal* had the unique privilege of presenting three symposia. The first, “Forum Selection After *Atlantic Marine*,” was the brainchild of Professor Scott Dodson, and brought together leading civil procedure experts to discuss the impact of *Atlantic Marine Construction Co. v. U.S. District Court*. The second, “Contract Law Present and Future: A Symposium to Honor Professor Charles L. Knapp on Fifty Years of Teaching Law,” spearheaded by Professor Harry G. Prince, provided an opportunity to honor one of the most influential contract law scholars. Our final symposium, “Federal Sentencing Reform: Ten Years After *United States v. Booker*,” focused on the hot-button issue of federal sentencing reform. The Honorable Charles R. Breyer of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California delivered the keynote address; four

other federal judges—Judges Edward M. Chen, Beth L. Freeman, Terry J. Hatter, Jr., and Jeffrey S. White—participated in a panel discussing the judicial perspective on sentencing. This symposium would not have been possible without the dedication of Kyla Rowe, Rob Taboada, and others on the symposium team, as well as Professor Rory Little.

The efforts of many others made these successes possible. Many thanks to my executive board: Michael Charlebois, Elliot Hosman, Amber Leong, Kristin MacDonnell, Erin Pressman, Kyla Rowe, Rob Taboada, and Nicole Teixeira. These individuals poured their heart and soul into this publication and made my job look easy. I am also grateful for the second-year and third-year editors, whose tireless efforts and careful editing made this Volume possible. Thanks also to the members of our alumni board and to our faculty advisors, and to Tom McCarthy, the UC Hastings Director of Scholarly Publications, without whom none of this would be possible.

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