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FOREWORD

We are excited to share Volume XVIII, Issue 1 of the Hastings Business Law Journal with you. As the first issue published after the era of online law school, we are especially proud of this publication, and the community we have built within our staff this year during our time back on campus.

This semester, our primary goal was twofold: to not only publish exceptional scholarship that explored the interplay between law and business, but also to take advantage of the ability to connect over these shared interests with our peers. HBLJ hosted a Venture Capital seminar led by Hastings alumni, co-hosted a Venture Capital Panel Discussion that featured Scott Kupor of Andreessen Horowitz, Kate Mitchell of Scale, as well as HBLJ alumni Allen Latta and Timothy Young; and even co-hosted one of the first Sharks on the Quad socials in the new patio. These events, along with our in-person staff meetings and staff social events, fostered a sense of community and teamwork that we sincerely valued.

To our committed and diligent staff, we thank you for your invaluable work this semester. This issue could not have been published without the efforts of each and every one of you. We are grateful for not only technical additions to our journal, but for your genuine and thorough engagement with the scholarship, and your commitment to the success of our team.

We are fortunate enough to be publishing four outstanding articles in this Fall Issue: *Payment for Order Flow and the Great Missed Opportunity*, by Professor Joel Seligman; *Section 10(b) and the Fiduciary Conundrum* by Professor Thomas M. Madden; *Is Online Sports Betting Illegal in California?* by Professor James Fischer; and *The Hiring Entity's Usual Course of Business* by Syed M. Q. Ali Khan. In addition to these pieces, we are publishing HBLJ Editor-in-Chief Gina Ahmar's student note, *Digitizing the Dollar: Privacy Considerations and Policy Prescriptions for a U.S. Central Bank Digital Currency*.

We believe these pieces provide the basis for the types of discourse that HBLJ aims to provoke with its legal scholarship. Our new website, hastingsbusinesslawjournal.com, will be live soon, and will feature a forum for online discussions about all five of these publications. We sincerely hope our readers will take this opportunity to share their thoughts, and we are excited to be providing an official platform for HBLJ's staff and audience to engage with one another.

Finally, we would like to thank our Fall 2021 staff once more for their tireless work. We also thank our administrative support system at UC Hastings, especially Professor Dave Owen and Jennifer Ta, for guiding us

throughout the semester. It takes a village to publish a law journal – and we are so grateful to have one this year, in person!

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