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Editors' Foreword

On behalf of *Hastings Environmental Law Journal* ("HELJ"), we proudly present our Winter 2020 Issue. For the last twenty-five years, HELJ has diligently pursued environmental scholarship. For the large majority of our history, HELJ concentrated on environmental issues facing the West and Northwest regions of the United States. Three years ago, HELJ rebranded to widen the scope of scholarship it publishes and engages with. A factor leading to this rebrand was the acknowledgement that the environmental field has grown over the past twenty-five years. Last year, HELJ saw more than 13,000 downloads of our scholarly work. We hope to continue this modern trend with the Winter 2020 issue, both in our scholarship and in the way we build community as a journal.

We continue our modern growth trend in our twenty-sixth year with the Winter 2020 Issue. The Issue touches upon a wide range of environmental topics from across the globe. Every corner of the earth faces its own unique environmental challenges, yet a shared global climate allows for similarities to be drawn between places near and far. For example, Ayodele Babalola's piece "The Right to a Clean Environment in Nigeria: A Fundamental Right?" presents an international approach to environmental rights. HELJ then focuses on local issues with a national impact with an article by Kayla Race that examines an ordinance out of Oakland, California that restricts fossil fuel handling. Further enforcing a theme of interconnectedness of environmental issues, Holly Locke's piece focuses on the role of the U.S. military in responding to mass climate refugee migration. With eight high quality pieces of scholarly work in this issue, HELJ is sure you will find something, not only thoughtful, but thought provoking.

Lastly, we would like to thank our brilliant staff for assisting with this article. From our production editors and staff editors assisting with footnotes and technical editing, to our development team growing alumni engagement, to our acquisitions team working hard to procure articles; everyone played an integral part in the Winter 2020 Issue's success. Further, we would like to thank our National Advisors and Faculty Advisors for assisting with journal needs and peer review. Thank you all for your hard work and diligence.

We hope you enjoy the Winter 2020 issue as much as we do.

Sarah Casey & Alex Sauerwein
Editors-in-Chief
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