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Editors' Foreword

On behalf of Hastings Environmental Law Journal ("HELJ"), we proudly present our Winter 2022 Issue. For the last twenty-eight years, HELJ has diligently pursued environmental stewardship through environmental law publication. HELJ has seen over 25,000 downloads of our scholarly work since its start. We hope to continue contributing to the environmental law field with the Winter 2022 issue, both in our publication and in the way we build the UC Hastings environmental law community.

HELJ proudly presents our Winter 2022 Issue. This Issue touches upon a wide range of environmental topics from across the globe. Dr. Joshua Ozymy's and Dr. Melissa L. Jarrell's in-depth article unpacks the history of environmental criminal enforcement and their suggestion for environmental criminal enforcement enhancement. Miranda Holeyton's and Professor David Takacs' article surveys the diminishing opportunities to protect the U.S. State wilderness, as opposed to Federal. Lena Freij's article explores why and how environmental justice principles can be implemented in the California Environmental Quality Act. And we are proud to publish a current UC Hastings student and HELJ Vol. 28 Executive Management Editor McKalya McMahan's article. Ms. McMahan's fascinating article explores whether international environmental laws have the ability to reduce marine plastic pollution.

Lastly, we would like to thank our brilliant staff for assisting with this Issue. As the coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to affect the globe, our journal persisted through email, virtual meetings, and online collaboration platforms to continue our mission of publishing environmental publications. Our transition back to in-person and the virtual school setting has been a challenge for all and we are proud of our entire team for the tremendous effort each member made on behalf of the Journal in the face of such adversity. 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 2022 Issue's success. Further, we would like to thank our UC Hastings Faculty Advisors, Professors Dave Owen and David Takacs, for their invaluable guidance with journal needs. And a heartfelt appreciation for Associate Director of Scholarly Publication, Jennifer Ta, for her unwavering persistence in Journal endeavors. Thank you all for your hard work and diligence.

We hope you enjoy the Winter 2022 issue. Thank you.

Brendan Daly & Andrew B. Rubang
Editors-in-Chief
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