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Editors' Foreword

On behalf of Hastings Environmental Law Journal (“HELJ”), we proudly present our Volume 29 Winter 2022 Issue. Producing and publishing this journal has been a highlight of both of our academic careers and we hope to have helped bring the field of environmental law forward. This issue of HELJ marks a transition, both for HELJ and for the entire UC Hastings community because we will be relaunching next year under a new name. We are optimistic this transition will prove to be an opportunity to forge a new path while building on our strong legacy.

For this issue, we selected articles that range across a variety of environmental topics. Professor Paul Stanton Kibel from Golden Gate University School of Law anchors this issue, discussing how good water policy gets “watered down” and how the California Water Quality Monitoring Council’s Environmental Flows Framework impacts fisheries and ecosystems. This year we are also thrilled to showcase the work of three HELJ colleagues. Our own Zoe Gallagher offers an answer to a provocative question: who are the “real” eco-terrorists? Keri Platt explores the challenges of fighting pollution in border regions by suggesting an eco-labeling system for toxic wastewater runoff in the Tijuana River Estuary. And finally, our co-Editor in Chief, Jillian Guernsey, offers a critique on the language we use around the food we eat, along with some timely policy suggestions for a path forward.

We must offer our deepest thanks to our outstanding staff for their tireless contributions toward another exceptional publication. Without our brilliant production editors and staff editors, this issue simply could not have happened. Our devoted and creative development team continues to grow alumni engagement and leads our campus recruiting efforts. And our acquisitions team played an integral role in shaping the direction of this issue. We are humbled and honored to work with you.

We also thank our UC Hastings Faculty Advisor, Professor David Takacs, along with Faculty Director of Scholarly Publications, Professor Dave Owen. Both of you have inspired and guided us throughout this process. We also must acknowledge Associate Director of Scholarly Publications, Jennifer Ta, for her phenomenal training, assistance, and mentorship. Finally, we are deeply indebted to all past editors for building such a strong foundation, but particularly our immediate predecessors, Brendan Daly and Andrew Rubang. Thank you all—we truly could not have done it without you.

We hope you enjoy HELJ’s Winter 2022 Issue. The best is yet to come.

Jillian Guernsey and George True Simpson III
Editors-in-Chief, HELJ Volume 29
