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## Editor in Chief's Foreword

I am delighted to share the *Quarterly's* first Issue of the 2020 decade: "Redefining Justice." The authors in this Issue rightly tackle some of the most controversial legal issues that our legislative and judicial systems are tasked with remedying. Together, the authors provide a necessary call to redefine justice through the development of marijuana laws, voter suppression laws, understanding tax reform, and expanding the regulation of online speech to diminish cyber harassment towards women.

Professor Mitchell Crusto opens up the Issue by providing a concrete method the government can use to repair the effects of the War on Drugs: enacting the Marijuana Amnesty Code. The Article delves into the recent developments of marijuana law and identifies the justice gap created when past "pot offenders," as Crusto refers, are left out of the equation when marijuana laws are written and enacted. By pointing to relevant Supreme Court precedent, Crusto makes a rightfully flaring argument: past post offenders are constitutionally entitled to retroactive amelioration in states that have legalized marijuana.

Ryan A. Partelow tackles this century's voter suppression laws, disguised as Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs), and uniquely argues that the effect of LFOs is akin to a voting poll-tax and, thus, violates both the Twenty-Fourth Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Partelow's scholarship not only *redefines justice*, it is intricately timely as the issue of denying people with past convictions the right to vote based on their inability to pay fines and fees, goes up for *en banc review* in the Eleventh Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Professor Emeritus Leo Martinez reviews *Our Selfish Tax Laws* by Anthony C. Infanti and encourages Infanti's use of comparative law principles that are historically isolated, such as tax and constitutional law, to help us fundamentally understand how the tax system affects taxpayers. Martinez fuels the hope that Infanti's book ignites in discussing how the tax code benefits a few, but can redefine justice, if used as the means to combat the income inequality gap.

Katherine Parker, Senior Productions Editor of the *Quarterly*, concludes this Issue with a proposal to decrease a phenomenon that women face in the

2020s: hyper-vulnerability to cyber-threats and cyber harassment. By grounding her Note in First Amendment jurisprudence, Parker posits that online harassment should be regulated through the Commerce Clause to ensure that women can enjoy use of the internet without cyber-threats and cyber harassment.

This publication would not be possible without the diligent efforts of the *Quarterly's* editors and the authors of this Issue who trusted my staff's guidance. I am grateful for this dynamic combination and hope our combined efforts will allow us to redefine justice in this new decade.

Respectfully,  
Wendy Melissa Hernandez  
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