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Editor in Chief's Foreword

I am honored to present the fourth and final Issue of the *Quarterly's* Volume 47: Reform Requires a Mind Shift. As I type away, it is inevitable to mention the COVID-19 global pandemic that has literally shut down cities worldwide, such as San Francisco, and acknowledge that the social adjustments made during these times will have long-lasting, socio-legal impacts globally.

Accordingly, the authors in this Issue provide a deep insight as to how *Reform Requires a Mind Shift*, and offer lessons that should be considered in order to move forward. Samantha Caspar and Artem Joukov launch this issue with a call to reform the treatment of people with mental illness and demand a change to the involuntary commitment of people. Professor Leonetti's article treads right along this theme with a comparative analysis of the judicial interpretations of the meaning of "cruel" in the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment in the U.S. and New Zealand. Katheryn Wenger, Senior Notes Editor for the *Quarterly*, offers preventative solutions to Patent Assertion Entities anticompetitive conduct for both the patent portfolio acquisition stage and enforcement litigation stage, under an exemplar case study of antitrust laws. Finally Pallavi Vishwanath, Senior Productions Editor for the *Quarterly*, provides a comparative critique to the special education practices in the U.S. and Canada, and highlights that neurodiversity can be fundamentally accepted in public schools if education were deemed a fundamental constitutional right in America.

Long after this pandemic is over, a need for reform in various areas of law will remain—and likely be necessitated. The solutions, this volume posits, require a shift in mindset. Before our laws can evolve, our collective mind must do so first.

The cover to cover publication of Volume 47 would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of the *Quarterly's* editors and the authors who trusted our guidance. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the first Latina Editor in Chief of the *Quarterly*. *La lucha sigue*.

Respectfully,



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