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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *The University of Western Ontario Journal of Legal Studies*. Its publication marks the return of Western Law to the community of Canadian law schools who boast student-run academic legal journals. The purpose of the *Journal* is twofold: to add to the current array of law reviews in which Canadian law students can publish their work; and to provide students at Western Law a valuable opportunity to develop and practice the skills associated with academic writing and publishing.

This *Journal* is the result of the efforts of Western Law students over the past three years. The evolution of the *Journal* began with the original conception of a student-run online law review with the Western name, and progressed through faculty consultation and approval, forming an executive, building a website, devising an editorial process, accepting and editing submissions, and finally this, the first issue. This issue is the result of teamwork more than anything else, a fact testified to by the extensive masthead in this first issue.

In addition to acknowledging the invaluable contribution of each of our current Executive, Senior, Associate, and Junior Editors, the Executive would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following individuals, without whom this project would not have been possible: Dean W. Iain Scott; former Dean Ian Holloway, QC; former Associate Dean Michael Lynk; current faculty advisors Bradley Miller, Robert Solomon, Thomas Telfer, and Samuel Trosow; former faculty advisors Erika Chamberlain, Valerie Oosterveld, and Margaret Ann Wilkinson; Professors Richard Bronaugh and Stephen Pitel; Scholarly Communications Librarian Adrian Ho; *Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues* Editor-in-Chief Desiree D'Souza; our contributors; and former students Omar Ha-Redeye, Leo Law, Kamila Pizon, and Joel Welch, whose initiative and hard work have been so instrumental. There have been literally dozens of individuals who have contributed to this journal in one way or another—we apologize if anyone has been left out.

We believe that this issue is an achievement of which all Western Law students will be proud.

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