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Note from the Chief Comment Editor

It is with great pride that I introduce the seven student Comments included in this issue of *The University of the Pacific Law Review*. These students expended a tremendous amount of time and energy into these Comments, balancing the rigors of being a law student with crafting multiple drafts and surviving increasingly demanding rounds of edits.

For many student authors, the most daunting step in the writing process is the first: choosing a topic. Many students believe that their exposure to the law is inadequate to make the right choice, or feel pressured by a well-meaning practicing attorney or faculty member to write on a topic that holds little interest to them. The authors of the Comments collected in this issue have all chosen topics of extreme significance either personally or academically: from criminal law issues of reforming how we punish criminal actors and rethinking intoxication's role in crimes relating to sexual assault to international issues of evidentiary rules in the International Criminal Court and deep sea mining rights.

While these authors should be commended for their excellent Comments, there are many people that helped them along the way. I would like to thank the Chief Comment Editor of Volume 47, Ryan Matthews, and his group of primary editors who helped shape the Comments from budding ideas to publishable works. Also deserving thanks are the professors that agreed to help ensure the Comments were grounded in reality. I know firsthand how grateful the student authors are for the unique opportunity to work with a professor outside of the classroom since my own article is printed in this issue.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Editors for Volume 48. In particular, I would like to call attention to the hard work of Chief Technical Editor Virginia Martucci, Chief Managing Editor Erin Price, and, of course, Editor-in-Chief Jessica Gosney. Without the hours they dedicated to each Comment, this issue would not be possible. Please enjoy.

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