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Welcome to the “Crimes Without Borders: In Search of an International Justice System” symposium issue of *The University of the Pacific Law Review*, Volume 48. As Chief Articles Editor, it has been my honor and privilege to work with each of the distinguished scholars who not only submitted an article for this issue, but also helped lead lively discussions during the The University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law’s 2016 Global Center Annual Symposium which was held on March 4th, 2016. The focus of the symposium centered on the challenges posed by the most serious crimes afflicting humankind around the world. Panelists shared their expertise and insights on national, regional, and international approaches to atrocity crimes, including criminal trials, truth commissions, and traditional mediation processes. The symposium proved to be a successful exchange of ideas on difficult, but critical issues in the search for a system that can bring justice in the wake of terror and violence.

This issue begins with the symposium’s keynote speech titled “*Wrestling Tyrants*” written and presented by Christopher L. Blakesley, The Cobeaga Law Firm Professor of Law, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.

The first panel began with a roundtable discussion titled “International Criminal Justice; More than the Sum of its Parts?” which was moderated by John Cary Sims, Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law and Omar M. Dajani, Professor and Co-Director of the Global Center, McGeorge School of Law. This discussion included the following panelists: Mark S. Ellis, Executive Director, International Bar Association; Charles C. Jalloh, Associate Professor of Law, Florida International University College of Law; Stephen C. McCaffrey, Distinguished Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law; Judge Fausto Pocar, Appeals Chamber, International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda, Professor Emeritus of International Law, University of Milan; Leigh Swigart, Director of Programs in International Justice and Society at the International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life, Brandeis University; and Beth Van Schaack, Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor in Human Rights, Stanford Law School (2014-2016), Senior Advisor, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department, Professor of Law, Santa Clara Law.

The second panel continued with a roundtable discussion titled “Negotiating Justice: The Role of Plea Bargaining in an International Justice System” which was moderated by Emily Garcia Uhrig, Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law. This discussion included the following panelists: Cary A Bricker, Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, McGeorge School of Law; Jenia Turner, Professor of Law, Southern Method University Dedman School of Law; and Michael Vitiello, Distinguished Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law.

The final panel ended with a roundtable discussion titled “Transitional Justice in National Justice Systems as part of an “International Justice System” which was moderated by Raquel Aldana, Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship, Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law. Our final discussion included the participation of the following panelists: Linda M. Keller, Vice Dean

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and Associate Professor of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law; Viviana Krsticevic, Executive Director of the Center for Justice and International Law, American University Washington College of Law; and Ronald C. Slye, Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law.

The publication of the work of the following distinguished scholars would not have been possible without the incredible work, planning, and commitment of the Board of Editors, Primary Editors, and Staff Writers of Volumes 47 and 48 of *The University of the Pacific Law Review*. In particular from Volume 47, I would like to thank former Chief Articles Editor Sarah Kanbar and former Chief Symposium Editor Kayla Cox. In addition from Volume 48, I would like to thank Chief Managing Editor Erin Price, Chief Technical Editor Virginia Martucci, Chief Symposium Editor Daniella Green, and Editor-in-Chief Jessica Gosney.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate McGeorge's own Distinguished Professor Linda Carter for her extensive work, dedication, and scholarship in the area of international criminal law which served as the foundation during the symposium's discussions. Good luck in your well-deserved retirement, we will miss your presence here at the McGeorge School of Law.

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