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As the Chief Legislation Editor for McGeorge Law Review (MLR), I am privileged to present MLR’s annual Review of Selected California Legislation, affectionately called Greensheets.

Student-edited law journals such as MLR possess little institutional memory. Virtually no student serves for more than two years. In spite of this flux, MLR has the privilege of having one constant. Greensheets has persisted as an integral and unique part of MLR since its inception (as the Pacific Law Journal) in 1970. All of us who contributed to this forty-fourth edition of Greensheets owe a debt of gratitude to our many predecessors.

Greensheets is an entirely student-written issue of MLR, the goal of which is to provide an overview and analysis of selected recently enacted California legislation. It is a product of countless hours of research, writing, and editing by a dedicated group of twenty-six staff writers, six Primary Legislation Editors, eight Primary Managing Editors, and the MLR Board of Editors.

2012 was a transitional year for both MLR and California’s state government. With a slow improvement in the economy and the approval in November 2012 of new tax revenue through Propositions 30 and 39, California saw a reprieve from years of gaping budget deficits. Additionally, in a wide range of areas, from autonomous vehicles to gay rights, the state legislature grappled with California’s evolving economy and society. This issue discusses many of these laws.

Here at MLR, we made strives to improve and modernize our journal. Under the helm of Chief Articles Editor Ronak Patel, MLR implemented a new electronic system to catalogue and review cited material. This system transformed the editing process. During the summer of 2012, MLR moved out of the aging Law Review House and into a newly christened Student Publications Center, where the staff and editors of MLR and the Pacific McGeorge Business & Development Law Journal work alongside one another in a bright and spacious facility. Finally, in April 2012, MLR selected an amazing group of twenty-six legislative staff writers—MLR’s largest staff in recent memory. These staff writers spent many hours researching, writing, and editing the articles in this issue.

Serving as MLR’s Chief Legislation Editor has provided me with an opportunity to work alongside a fantastic group of friends and colleagues. They, the editors and staff writers of MLR, have my deepest gratitude; without them, Greensheets would not be possible.

Anthony Bento
Chief Legislation Editor
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