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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 McGeorge Law Review, Volume 44

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