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Here, at McGeorge School of Law, law students have the opportunity to develop and publish their own convincing Comment on a topic of their choice alongside brilliant legal scholars from around the country. I am pleased to present the student-written Comments of Volume 49 of this year's Law Review. From first-hand knowledge, I know the students have worked tirelessly, while balancing full course loads and jobs in writing impressive academic articles that reflect upon some of the most challenging and interesting legal topics of our time.

One of the most important, yet frustrating, steps in the writing process is topic selection. Many students start the Comment process having some extremely vague idea on what they want to write about. The primary challenge is developing the topic idea further so that it is a narrow research question that has been uncharted by any legal scholar. This is a tremendous task that requires extensive "preemption" checks through academic law journals, countless consultations with professors, and long afternoons at the library sifting through online research and flipping through books.

A secondary challenge is making sure the topic, while novel, is one the writer genuinely is passionate about. Unmistakably, these Comments reflect a wide range of issues the students all deeply care about. The Comments this year discuss the development of Fourth Amendment search doctrine in the technological era; the issues of substantive due process arising in property law; the rethinking of judicial independence and sentencing reform in light of Brock Turner; the state of existing domestic violence laws, animal laws, and genetic discrimination laws. These Comments, reflecting the staff's diversity of academic interests, will surely not bore you as you read along and analyze the legal questions at stake.

The end product presented within these pages would not be in the fine shape they are in without the help of the Board of Editors in Volume 48. Specifically, I thank Charles Wiseman, Chief Comment Editor of Volume 48, and his primary editors for overseeing the development of these Comment ideas. Moreover, I thank the Comment faculty advisors for their immense guidance to the staff writers throughout the last academic year. Lastly, I thank the Board of Editors of Volume 49, especially these three incredibly gifted Board members: Editor-in-Chief Kendall Fisher, Chief Managing Editor Kyle Sproul, and Chief Technical Editor Isabella Blizard. Without each of you, the Comments would not be as impressive as they are now. Happy reading!

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