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It is my distinct honor and pleasure to bring you the “Greensheets” edition of the *University of the Pacific Law Review* Volume 52. This issue contains student-authored publications analyzing and reviewing California’s newest legislative undertakings with the goal of providing timely, objective, and unique insight into how these new laws will impact the state. Each article represents countless hours of research, writing, and editing on behalf of both the Staff Writers and editorial staff. These pieces analyze a wide array of topics, from COVID-19 relief and affordable housing to environmental protections and regulatory changes. It is my sincerest hope that you enjoy these articles and learn from them much like I did last summer.

In a time when misinformation lurks around every corner and flashy headlines and banner notifications run the world, research and scholarship has seemingly moved to the back burner. However, it is now in this age of uncertainty when scholarship, such as this “Greensheets” edition, becomes even more important. These articles represent a commitment to exploration, an unsatiable appetite for knowledge, and a dedication to the truth. They tell stories on behalf of the voiceless, give light to injustice, and provide legitimate answers to some of California’s biggest questions. It is in this search and this exercise that we uphold the core values of our legal system—equality, honesty, and justice for all. It is an honor to provide a platform that furthers these goals.

Each legislative session provides its own unique challenges, and this year’s session was no different. I commend the Staff Writers and Primary Editors for not only adapting to the challenges and delays this year brought, but also for staying focused and dedicated to their work even while the world was changing every day around us. I would like to personally thank the Staff Writers, Primary Editors, and other Board of Editors members for their hard work, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence throughout this whole process. It was truly one of the greatest privileges of my academic career to serve as Chief Legislation Editor, and it is an understatement to say that I am lucky to have had a part in this production.

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