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Note from the Editor-in-Chief

I am immensely proud to present the first issue of the fifty-fourth volume of the *University of the Pacific Law Review* in the program's fifty-second year. This issue comprises, in part, articles and essays drawn from one of the *University of the Pacific Law Review's* latest symposium, entitled "*California Dreaming: Regulating the Gig Economy.*" This symposium, hosted by the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, in February 2022, explored the ramifications of California's Proposition 2022 and the era of the "gig economy." It also explored court decisions and legislation implicating the gig economy and the more-important-than-ever distinction between employees and independent contractors. The symposium included a keynote address by former California Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, who now leads the California Labor Federation. In this issue, you will find articles from symposium participants whose commentaries are an invaluable contribution to this timely, complex, and pivotal area of law. I am extraordinarily grateful to each of the esteemed academicians for their participation in this issue. This issue also includes exceptional student comments whose topics run the gamut from employment law, copyright law, and to the fascinating intersection of tort law and neuroscience.

I would also like to dedicate space in this issue to thank those who have devoted countless hours of time and effort to this journal. To the *University of the Pacific Law Review's* Board of Editors—Grace Bransen, Chloe Fisher, Ismael Perez, Tom Salazar, Alec Watson, and Kevin Woldhagen—it is an honor and a pleasure to work alongside each of you. Making our collective mark on the *University of the Pacific Law Review*—a true team effort—has been a highlight of my academic career. To our Primary Editors, without whom the law review would cease to function, thank you for your contributions. Thank you, as well, to our Staff Writers for their commitment to the craft of legal scholarship and to the endeavors of this journal. To the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law's administration, especially Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz and Dean Mary-Beth Moylan: thank you for your ceaseless support. To our faculty advisors, Professors Brian Slocum and Michael Vitiello, the law review is continually made better by the both of you. Thank you for sharing your mastery and appreciation of legal scholarship with this journal. And a special, personal thank you to Professor Vitiello, who believed in my abilities much sooner than I ever believed in them. Thank you for always being a guiding light, and for encouraging me to pursue an editorial position with the *University of the Pacific Law Review*. Finally, on behalf of the entire Board of Editors, I would like to thank our family and friends who

have no doubt had to listen to us talk about law review for hours on end (and who likely had to deal with us all canceling plans to meet the journal's deadlines).

Finally, to anyone who takes the time to read this issue—whether there is one or thousands of you—thank you. I sincerely hope that you find the scholarship within these pages just as valuable and as insightful as I do.

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