

## FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

At the conclusion of Volume 57, I express my utmost gratitude for the diligent work of all who were involved, including a dedicated Executive Board and our talented Staff and Graduate Editors, as well as Law School administrators. The publication process is truly a team effort, and without their support, this Volume simply would not have been possible.

The first issue of Volume 57 included fascinating remarks from scholars at New York University and Bocconi University, shared at a symposium hosted in Milan, Italy. The event centered on the 2021 reforms to the Italian legal system, particularly on civil procedure and judicial process. I am deeply appreciative that Professors Helen Hershkoff, Marta Cartabia, Cesare Cavallini, Stefania Cirillo, and Marcello Gabaordi entrusted us with these pieces, which will certainly serve as resources to international legal practitioners seeking to understanding the significance of these reforms.

The second issue of Volume 57 highlighted pieces from the *Journal of International Law and Politics* Symposium on Migration, Displacement, and Technology, held on February 14, 2025. The board of the journal selected this topic approximately one year in advance. At the time, migration as a legal issue felt pressing and relevant, as the evolution of laws surrounding migration and displacement is at the cutting edge of international legal academia. In 2024, our board had all kinds of ideas about what this could mean for article topics—climate migration, migration in the wake of war or genocide, areas of trans-border conflict or collaboration—all these ideas undergirded by a quiet optimism for the good that such scholarship might do.

Now, as the voices of those who have migrated are being stifled, their narratives overrun by politics and blatant racism, it is a crucial time to be having these discussions. While the *Journal* has an international and somewhat abstract focus by nature, it is impossible not to turn inward in this moment, with attention to the domestic and individual lives and experiences. In the wake of an inundation of headlines—each one more violent than the last—I candidly find it difficult to remain hopeful and inspired for what this country and this world will look like in the coming years and decades. In spite of this, the gathering of scholars who have devoted their careers to these issues gave us an opportunity to learn from one another and to remember that there is power and hope in knowledge.

I thank the authors, Anita Sinha and Anja Bossow, and the many other panelists for sharing their thoughts, ideas, and curiosity with all of us in attendance. I am also appreciative of Professor José Alvarez, who offered beautiful introductory remarks and has served as a devoted advisor and mentor to our team throughout the year.

My peers on the *Journal* also offer me tremendous hope for the future of the legal profession through their integrity and devotion to justice. I look forward to seeing the incredible work of the Volume 58 Board, whose members have already begun to make an impact.

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