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FOREWORD

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On behalf of Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law, the Law Review Editorial Board would like to extend the warmest welcome to our Volume 4 readers. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Law Review underwent some significant changes. We welcomed new faculty advisors, Professor Akraim Faizer² and Professor William Gill,³ to our team, and said farewell to Academic Dean Matt Lyon, who had provided leadership and insight to the Law Review staff. We cannot thank him enough for his hard work and dedication. Professors Faizer and Gill will further develop the Law Review's scholarship, focusing on academic excellence and advancing positive change throughout our community.

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² See Akraim Faizer, *Exacerbating the Divide: Why the Roberts Court's Recent Same-Sex Jurisprudence is an Improvident Use of the Court's Judicial Review Power*, 24 U. FLA. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 395 (2014).

³ See William Gill, *A Tale of Two Ironies: In Defense of Tort*, 25 PAC. MCGEORGE GLOBAL BUS. & DEV. L.J. 343 (2012) (with David Partlett).

No discussion of change at the Duncan School of Law would be complete without acknowledging the contributions of former Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Gary Wade. Having grown up in rural Appalachia,⁴ Dean Wade knows exactly what the mission of this law school means to this region. During his tenure, Dean Wade has fostered positive change that will reverberate for years to come. The Law Review Board recognizes these accomplishments, and we are excited about future developments, including Lincoln Memorial University's partnership with East Tennessee Legal Aid. Together we can be an instrument of positive change in the world around us.

Volume 4 will mark a new era for LMU. We now publish online articles in a new rolling format, issuing an article or articles monthly to disperse quality scholarship at times more relevant to the subject matter. No longer will submissions set dormant waiting to proceed through the various stages of the publication and printing process. Each academic semester will feature several articles comprising an issue, each academic year corresponding to a Volume. As the Law Review develops this process, articles will gravitate toward fresh, relevant material elevating the scholarship of this journal.

The Editorial Board would also like to show our gratitude to those who came before us. Volume 4, Issue 1 will contain four articles that the 2015-2016 Editorial Board worked diligently to develop. In addition, two of these articles are authored by our former Editor in Chief, Jacob Baggett.⁵ Both submissions elevated the level of scholarship and dedication expected of future students submitting Notes to this publication.

⁴See DUNCAN SCHOOL OF LAW, <http://law.lmunet.edu/2015/07/28/tenn-supreme-court-justice-gary-r-wade-to-be-dean-of-lmu-law/> (last visited Aug. 23, 2009).

⁵Jacob Baggett, Juris Doctor (2015) and former Editor-in-Chief of the Lincoln Memorial University Law Review.

In conclusion, we hope Volume 4's new rolling publication meets and exceeds our reader's expectations. For potential authors, we look forward to publishing submissions earlier, presenting your scholarship to others fresh and untainted by the passage of time. We endeavor to effectuate positive change in our region, the legal community, and the entire world around us. If you would like to become part of our mission, please submit your article to our board for review, and together we can elevate the world around us.