

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the *Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal of Law & Society*. A lot of time, effort, and care went into making this publication a reality. Our authors and board members have worked tirelessly, perfecting each line on each page for every article. This issue is a celebration of their work. But the journey to get to this point has been much longer and has involved the dedication of many more people.

None of this would have been possible without the vision and initiative of cofounders Catherine Meisenheimer '23, who recognized the need for an undergraduate law journal and acted to make it happen, and Lauren Currie '23, whose tact was essential to getting it off the ground. I will be forever grateful to them for choosing to include me two years ago, and I thank them for their dedication to turning their idea into a reality.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the hardworking and attentive people at the Office of Undergraduate Research for welcoming the idea of an undergraduate law journal and agreeing to found *TAMUJLS* as one of their many programs. Their belief in us and this journal's mission is indicative of their unwavering dedication to making Texas A&M University the best place in the country for undergraduate research. Without their support, *TAMUJLS* would not have a home and certainly would not be what it is today. I would like to specifically thank our staff coordinators, Dr. Matthew Bizzell and Lindsey Wente, and the Associate Program Director for Undergraduate Research, Annabelle Aymond, for everything they have done, and continue to do, for *TAMUJLS*.

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