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It is with much pleasure that the *Tulsa Law Review* presents its premier issue honoring its fifty-first year of publication. Drawing on the successes of previous editorial boards, the *Tulsa Law Review* proudly endures in its tradition of publishing contemporary and excellent pieces of legal scholarship. Last year, the journal celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, one of its most notable volumes to date. The anniversary volume took great strides by contributing to hot-topic legal debates and conversations that continue to be relevant today. Each volume builds upon the solid foundation left by years of strong leadership and outstanding editorial boards—and last year was no different.

This year's volume lives up to that precedent. As a testament to our commitment to grow and publish an exceptional collection of legal scholarship with each issue, the editorial board worked tirelessly and spent many hours to make this issue a success. This first issue addresses topics that draw from an expansive array of legal discourse in which the authors engage in discussions that cover tracking religious freedom under the Constitution and Supreme Court jurisprudence, to examining another view of the *Erie* doctrine and diversity jurisdiction, and finally, to reevaluating the concept of restitution in criminal cases. We are honored to publish these pieces and share these authors' contributions to legal scholarship. This issue also includes two student works from members of our editorial board. These pieces touch on legal issues relevant in today's society, including the criminalization of a parent's decision not to vaccinate his or her child and the lack of safeguards attributed to Native women victimized by non-Natives on tribal land.

I would like to extend my special gratitude to each author who put in endless hours of hard work—the opportunity to work with each one has been unparalleled. A special thank you to Wynoka Middleton for her phenomenal assistance in putting this issue together and to Jean Roof for all of her incredible support. And many thanks to Jacob Damrill and last year's editorial board for your trust and guidance to build upon your achievements. I want to thank each member of our editorial board who spent part of their summer making this issue possible and for their dedication that keeps the *Tulsa Law Review* a mainstay of the University of Tulsa College of Law.

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