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"It is not often that someone comes along who is a true friend and a good writer."

-E.B. White

As this is the last issue of Volume 52, and the last issue for our editorial board, it is only appropriate I take a moment to thank those who have been so instrumental to its production—a group of people I consider true friends and good writers.

First, to our team at the *Review*. When we began this journey I was told to expect mediocrity and to be let down by my friends and peers: "3Ls have more important things to do" and "they are checked out most of the year." Thank you for proving this sentiment wrong. Not one of you shirked your duties. Many of you went above and beyond to make a better product for our readers and a better experience for our Associate Editors. Thank you for your tireless efforts; you are a credit to yourself and legal scholarship.

Thanks to our Associates, for doing the "grunt work" of legal scholarship, helping ensure we only publish work that is well written, researched, and sourced. I appreciate your positive attitude as we undertook major changes; improving our organization but adding some uncertainty to your work. I have no doubts we are leaving this organization and publication in good hands. You will likely find yourself doubting our choices at least a few times—embrace this. Learn from our mistakes and do not be afraid to make mistakes of your own. Keep building on what we have done together, question everything, and never continue a task simply because it is what "has always been done."

Thanks to Professor Stephen Galoob, our fearless advisor. Your willingness to challenge the status quo emboldened our efforts, and your faith in our decisions gave us the confidence we needed to keep pushing forward. Thanks for making yourself available for our crazy ideas and for helping guide our progress.

To Jen Ferguson, our Executive Editor, and my good friend: thanks for your constant dedication to excellence in your work and to the written work of our associates. Thanks for your kindness and friendship while putting up with my eccentricities as we shared office space for the better part of 16 months. To Cat Day, our partner in crime down the hall, your friendship has meant the world to Jen and me. Law school is never easy and rarely enjoyable, but my time with you two is both.

To my mom, thanks for giving me a strong foundation in the written word and in critical thinking. To my dad, thanks for all your implicit and explicit lessons on leadership, attitude, and responsibility. You both taught me what it means to care for

your work and to care for others more than yourself. I could not be here without your sacrifices, love, and friendship.

To the one who is an excellent writer and my truest friend: you will always have my love and appreciation. Thanks for your patience and support throughout our years together. Watching you start and finish your doctoral program, while supporting us by working full-time, inspired me to drive forward in my own work. I am privileged and honored that you are my wife, and bursting with pride that Mr. & Mrs. Tift will soon become Dr. & Mr. Tift.

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