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“Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. The mediocre mind is incapable of understanding the man who refuses to bow blindly to conventional prejudices and chooses instead to express his opinions courageously and honestly.”
-*Albert Einstein*

Few people doubt that 2016 has been a year of disruption in our world. From sports, to law, to politics, every week seems to bring the occurrence of some unprecedented achievement, great sorrow, or shocking result. While many prefer to retreat the tumult around us, we—as students and future lawyers—refuse to do so. We have a moral obligation to stand against injustice, oppression, and corruption. It is easy for members of the legal profession to myopically constrain these concerns within the advocacy for our individual clients. This is not enough. Our responsibility transcends law as a vocation. Whether it is the fervent zeal of the callow student, or the honed skill of the veteran practitioner, we must engage our communities and our governments.

Regardless of whom we were “With,” or what we wanted to make “Great Again,” we remain officers of the judiciary and members of our tripartite system. We must remain an ever-vigilant check against the abuse of our clients, our systems, and our communities. While recently highlighted, this duty was not born on Election Day nor will it die on the next.

From my position as a mere student, I humbly ask our staff and our readers to remember that power—in any person, institution, or party—inherently provides opportunity for corruption and tyranny. We must courageously and honestly speak truth to that power, whenever it is necessary, no matter the cost.

This inaugural issue of Volume 52 is a useful tool in this time of growth and change in our world. Each of the five pieces directly addresses prescient issues in our society and builds on the *Review's* fifty-two years of contribution to the corpus of legal knowledge. We would like to sincerely thank our authors for creating the exceptional work you see in this issue. I personally would like to thank our staff for their work and support as we completed this issue while undertaking multiple reforms in our editorial processes.

Most importantly, for your time and attention, we would like to thank you—our reader.

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