

Editor-in-Chief's Letter

Dear Reader,

Your Executive Board is proud to present the Spring 2023 issue of the Brandeis University Law Journal. In line with our journal's mission, this issue features five undergraduate-penned articles exploring important legal questions. These articles reckon with issues from the international community's capacity to hold nations accountable for potential war crimes to a historical review of New York state's conspicuous service laws, and an op-ed advancing an original super-statute that restores voting rights to the formerly incarcerated.

The Brandeis University Law Journal is unique in two respects. It is the first, and remains among the only, law journals in the country that is unaffiliated with a law school; and it is written, edited, and published by undergraduate students. As I often find myself repeating to new readers: this is a local operation. This journal is produced by a body of dedicated undergraduates who voluntarily contribute their scarce time to advance Brandeisian undergraduate scholarship in national discussions concerning the law.

The production of this issue would not have been possible without the contributions of our authors. Their hard work in writing these five articles and their willingness to routinely revisit their work over the course of our rigorous editing process is deserving of utmost praise. Additionally, our dedicated team of editors, who have so generously lent their time and skill to edit these articles is vital to maintaining the quality of writing presented in the following pages. Their contributions are invaluable, and the Executive Board is indebted to their hard work.

The current members of the Executive Board are worthy of many thanks, as their work in making the operations of the Journal run smoothly have made this transitional semester much easier than it may have otherwise been. Subsequently, we wish to thank the former members of the Executive Board, especially our former Editor-in-Chief and Copy Chief, Sophia Reiss and Lauren Davis. We will miss your guiding hands and are ever aware that were it not for Sophia's determination, this journal may have never been revived.

The Executive Board would also like to thank our faculty advisors, Professors Breen and Kabrhel, whose expertise has been essential to keeping the journal faithful to its original mission established by Judah Marans. Furthermore, we thank the Student Union's Allocation Board for contributing the funds needed to publish our Journal.

Lastly, on a personal note, I would like to thank my Copy Chief, Emanuel Glinsky. Manny, you are my editorial-rock. I could not do this job without you. Your dedication to our work, trust in my leadership, and willingness to always be candid have made me a better leader. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Editor-in-Chief

