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Professor Mortimer Sellers

Dear Reader:

I am pleased to welcome you to the second and final issue of Volume Three of *The University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*. Serving as the Editor-in-Chief of this Journal has been a distinct honor and privilege, and the staff and faculty advisers have been integral in making this publication possible. I would like to thank the Journal members for their tireless work throughout this volume, and for making it a true pleasure to serve as the Editor-in-Chief.

This issue begins with a piece from by Professor Alberto Cadoppi, University of Parma, reviewing *The Birth of American Law: An Italian Philosopher and the American Revolution*, by University of Baltimore School of Law Professor John Bessler. *The Birth of American Law* addresses the impact of the philosophies and writings of Cesare Beccaria on the founders and leaders of the American Revolution. Following is an article by George Langendorf, an international attorney with extensive experience in South African law. Mr. Langendorf's piece reviews the generally accepted road-map for reducing corruption in government, and why South Africa's implementation of the road-map has been unsuccessful. Next is an article by Veronica Pastor, Associate General Counsel at the global company, K2M. Ms. Pastor's article addresses the policies of Bo Xilal, his eventual fall from political power, and the possible effects on future policy and politics in China.

Our student comment in this issue is from Laurie Culkin, University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidate. Ms. Culkin's piece reviews the United States' T-Visa program, and how the requirements might actually be hindering the goals of the United Nations' Palermo Protocol. Finally, our *Emerging Issues* are from Carissa Hatfield and Alexandra Rickart, University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidates. Ms. Hatfield's *Emerging Issue* is a case-study of recent reproductive rights battles in El Salvador. Ms. Rickart's *Emerging Issue* reviews the requirements for statehood under the Montevideo Convention on the rights and duties of states, and how those requirements apply in a modern world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Mortimer Sellers, faculty adviser to the Journal for his direction and assistance throughout the school year. I also must thank the professors and staff in the University of Baltimore School of Law International Department and the Center for International and Comparative Law for their input and for serving as advisers to our staff editor comments. Finally, thank you to Dean Ronald Weich for supporting our Journal, and for providing input and direction for the success of our Journal, students, and the University of Baltimore School of Law as a whole. It has been truly a pleasure serving this Journal, and I hope you enjoy the final issue of Volume Three.

Sincerely,

Justin Tepe
Editor-in-Chief
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