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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To Our Readers:

The Editorial Board of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum*, Volume 49, is proud to present the first issue of the 2018-2019 academic year. As the University of Baltimore School of Law's oldest journal, the *Law Forum* publishes scholarly articles, student comments, and recent developments concerning Maryland. The *Law Forum* is committed to appraising the Maryland Legal community, as well as the larger legal community as a whole, on developments in the law in Maryland.

In this issue, we have published an article by Angela M. Vallario titled *Maryland Treads Water Over Elective Share Reform: The Spouse's Desperate Cry for the Court's Intervention with a Bright-line Rule for Revocable Trusts*, which discusses marital rights and elective share reform in Maryland. Additionally, we have published two student comments. The first comment is written by Matthew Braun and evaluates the effect the war on drugs has had on Maryland in light of the legalization of medical marijuana. The second comment, authored by Chelsea King, presents solutions to Baltimore's housing crisis created by decades of prejudicial housing regulations. Finally, we have published seven recent development pieces which analyze recent decisions from the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and they are intended to keep Maryland practitioners and the legal community informed on the status of law in Maryland.

This volume reflects the hard work and commitment of the student editorial board. I want to thank the entire *Law Forum* staff for their diligence, thoroughness, and commitment to the production of this issue. I also would like to thank Professor Elizabeth K. Samuels, faculty advisor to the *Law Forum*, for her guidance and support. The *Law Forum* also thanks Professor Angela M. Vallario, not only for the contribution of her article, but we also thank her for the assistance and advice she provided us during the planning and execution of our 2018-2019 Symposium.

The entire *University of Baltimore Law Forum* staff thanks the Maryland legal community and our readers for their continued support and interest in our publication.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Hornik
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