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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To the Maryland Legal Community:

On behalf of the Editorial Board and Staff of the University of Baltimore Law Forum, I am honored to welcome readers to our second issue of Volume 50. This issue marks a significant time in the history of both our publication, as well as our society. As the Law Forum proudly brings its fiftieth year in print to a close, it does so amidst considerable uncertainty, spawned by an on-going global pandemic. While the real impact of Covid-19 is yet to be determined, it will undoubtedly create challenges across many facets of our society, including the practice of law. During these difficult times, we aim to support the Maryland Legal Community by providing a reliable resource for insight into the changing face of legal practice throughout the state.

This issue opens with an article contributed by Richard Perry, Esq., in which he explores the history and limitations of the relative preference applied to Maryland Child in Need of Assistance cases, arguing for an application that incorporates the best interest of the child. Also included are two student comments, the first of which, written by Payton Aldridge, discusses the influence of a recent Supreme Court decision on Maryland's laws regarding special education. The second, authored by Sean Keene, highlights the limitations of Maryland's Disclosing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Act. In addition, we have selected several recent development articles written by our Staff Editors, which review the decisions and impacts of six cases decided by the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

As this marks the end of my tenure, I want to thank all *Law Forum* Members for the privilege of serving as your Editor-in-Chief, it has indeed been an honor to work with so many talented individuals. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Editorial Board and Staff Editors of the *Law Forum*, whose contributions make this publication successful. Of particular mention is Erin Cullinan, our Manuscripts Editor, whose attention to detail and diligent work ethic ensured our production schedule was timely and efficient. Finally, on behalf of the entire *Law Forum*, I would like to thank you, our readers, for your continued support and interest in our publication.

Sincerely,

Sean Keene Editor-in-Chief University of Baltimore Law Forum – Vol. 50, No. 2

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