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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To the Maryland Legal Community:

The Editorial Board and Staff of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum* is proud to present the first issue of Volume 51. *Law Forum* is dedicated to publishing developing trends unique to the Maryland legal community. This is the first *Law Forum* issue where collaboration occurred in a fully online setting. The global pandemic motivated us to become more creative in our process in order to ensure the quality of our pieces. I am excited and honored to share this publication.

Volume 51.1 opens with an article by Tyler Yeargain in which he analyzes the Maryland legislative appointment process and potential paths to reform. The second article is written by Charles I. Joseph, Esq., Gillian Drake, and Kailey Silverstein, JD. In this article, the authors examine effective storytelling strategies and the connection it has to trial and litigation. Also, included are two student comments. The first, written by Ryan Maher, discusses the evolution of student athlete compensation models and the discord that exists between state legislation and the NCAA. The second, authored by Paulina Taniewski, challenges the current Maryland child pornography statute and its application to teenage consensual sexting. Finally, included are seven recent development pieces which interpret recent decisions made by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

This publication reflects the hard work and commitment of our Editorial Board and Staff Editors. I want to thank the entire *Law Forum* Staff for their diligence, versatility, and creativity throughout the production process. I also want to recognize our Faculty Advisor, Professor Angela Vallario and the Assistant Dean of Academic and Writing Support, Dean Claudia Diamond, for their guidance and support.

On behalf of the *Law Forum*, we thank you, our readers, for your continued interest in our publication.

Sincerely,

Isabel Jorrin Garcia
Editor-in-Chief

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