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The Editorial Board, Associate Editors, and Staff Editors of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum* is honored to present the second issue of Volume 52. *Law Forum* is dedicated to publishing developing pressing issues that are unique to the Maryland legal community. It is an immense pleasure and honor to serve as *Law Forum's* first African American Editor in-Chief. As a legal journal, we have worked tediously to produce a quality publication for the Maryland Legal Community.

Volume 52.2 opens with an article written by Professor Teresa Rivera Bean. In this article, she discusses how to lay a foundation for undergraduate students interested in a career in law by combining curriculum with experiential learning in both an academic and field setting like a law school clinic program. The second article is written by Michael DeStefano, Esq. where he discusses the current housing blight issues in Baltimore, the cities previous iterations at trying to tackle the problem and how it uses and misuses its current tactic called "Vacants to Value", as well as ways to improve the cities its blight-elimination efforts. Also, included are two student comments. The first is written by Ms. Marianne Gluckert Smith, that explores the problems with digital contact tracing and the potential consequences to Maryland trade secrets claimants. The second is written by Lauren Stone, that analyzes the current laws governing collection of uncompensated care, gaps in the protections offered, and propose solutions to seal those gaps.

This publication reflects the hard work and commitment of our Editorial Board, Associate Editors, 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,

Parker Imani Headd ("Payne") Editor-in-Chief *University of Baltimore Law Forum* - Vol. 52, No. 2 Member, National Conference of Law Reviews

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