Foreword

At the time of publication, we will have been in quarantine for almost exactly one year. COVID-19 has shuttered businesses, schools, and communities alike. Our classes and meetings have been forced onto Zoom, and the days (and nights) spent in Duke Law School now feel like distant memories.

But despite the challenges of the past year—tumultuous politics, Zoom fatigue, the normal stress of law school, and the loss of friends, family, neighbors, and mentors to COVID-19—the DJCLPP team showed up in full force.

So, this Volume is a testament to their diligence, hard work, and compassion for one another in spite of the challenges we have faced. It would not have been possible without each member of our Journal staff, for whom I am exceedingly grateful.

– Hayley N. Lawrence
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MEDITATION XVII

No man is an island, entire of itself;
every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less,
as well as if a promontory were,
as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or of thine own were:
any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind,
and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.

– John Donne