EDITOR’S NOTE

It is the normal practice of Law & Contemporary Problems to take a three-step approach when editing Articles that will be published in any given issue of the journal. First, our editors edit each footnote in every article, making sure that footnotes conform as best they can to the standards set by The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation. Second, we edit each article for grammar, syntax, and style, preserving as much as possible each author’s unique voice. Third, we edit Articles for their substantive merit, considering not only aspects of organization, argument, and rhetoric, but also the support authors rely on for their propositions. Taking this approach helps ensure that each of our publications meet the highest standards of scholarly and editorial quality.

For this issue, The Administrative Law of the European Union, we have modified our approach. Each article in this issue is an English translation of an article originally published in Italian for the Rivista trimestrale di diritto pubblico in 2004.¹ Because this work has been previously published, and because the articles were translated before our editors took a first look, we have tried as best we can—in order to avoid inadvertent substantive changes—to limit our copyedits to preserve the original meaning of the previously published articles, as well as to ease readability for an English-speaking audience. As well, because our editors have little to no working knowledge of many of the languages in which several texts cited throughout this issue are written, we have not been able to research cited texts to ensure that propositions have been sufficiently supported.

We believe these editorial decisions strike a necessary balance between ensuring the editorial quality of this issue, while at the same time acknowledging the limitations of our editorial capacities given the nature of these Articles.

With this in mind, we hope that you have found this issue both fruitful and stimulating.

¹. Il procedimento amministrativo nel diritto europeo, Rivista trimestrale di diritto pubblico, QuADERNO n.1 (Francesca Bingami & Sabino Cassese eds., 2004).