

INTRODUCTION TO THE EDITION

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It is my great pleasure and privilege to introduce the 10th Edition of the Oxford University Undergraduate Law Journal (OUULJ).

This year's edition of the Journal is a particularly special one for several reasons. First, the Journal celebrates its 10th anniversary. Founded in recognition of a boundless appetite for intellectual exploration amongst students, the Journal has since been providing a platform for interesting ideas to be debated and advanced by the very best across the country. This year, we received the highest number of submissions ever. Clearly, the desire to engage with challenging issues shows no sign of waning.

Secondly, we are delighted that two former justices of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom accepted our invitation to judge the best private and public law submissions. I thank the Rt. Hon. Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury and the Rt. Hon. Lord Wilson of Culworth for their interesting, detailed and touching forewords. Both judges emphasised the thought-provoking nature of the articles and the difficulty they had in selecting the winning submissions. All the authors are to be applauded for the quality and significance of their contributions to public and private law literature.

Thirdly, all of us here at the Journal are grateful to our sponsors, Allen & Overy, South Square Chambers, 3 Verulam Buildings, Serle Court Chambers and Pump Court Tax Chambers. Their generosity has provided us with the money to fund the prizes for the best private and public law submissions, to subsidise the printing of the Journal and to enable us to fund

the most innovative enterprise that we have embarked on this year, the Oxford Undergraduate Law Podcast.

The Podcast complements the work of the Journal and the Oxford University Undergraduate Law Blog (OUULB) by providing a platform for more topical subjects in the law. For example, the latest episodes include ‘Patenting Vaccines’ with Professor Justine Pila and ‘Regulating Big Tech’ with Professor Ariel Ezrachi. Looking ahead, we aim to use this digital platform to host sponsored events which might assist students in securing a coveted pupillage or training contract. Many thanks are owed to Bianca Dammholz and Siobhan Tan, our two Podcast Editors. Without their effort and drive, the endeavour simply would not have been possible.

Furthermore, we have looked not only within Oxford for inspiration, but beyond too. We have continued to share calls for submissions with our partner journals in Cambridge, Trinity College Dublin, the LSE, and Bristol to stimulate the flow of academic talent between these institutions. Moreover, we participated in a World Law Reviews Seminar. The event was hosted by the University of Bologna Law Review and was attended by the Cambridge Law Review and the Auckland Law Review. It was a fantastic opportunity to exchange ideas regarding how best to increase the reach of our journals, how to improve the editing process, and what events we would like to collaborate on in the future.

As a blind-reviewed, rigorously edited journal, the OUULJ could not function without the industry of its team of editors. The Oxford law degree leaves only a limited amount of time to pursue extra-curriculars. I am therefore tremendously grateful to our editors for their diligence in keeping to deadlines. They must also be praised for their insightful comments, which have been instrumental in elevating the quality submissions

within this journal even further. Special thanks must go to the Senior Associate Editors, Amy Hemsworth and Kathleen Wang, for their unwavering commitment. Thanks must also go to our treasurer, Zaynab Sarguroh, and secretary, Daria Koukoleva, who helped us effectively manage the administrative side of the Journal.

Finally, I owe heartfelt thanks to the Senior Editorial Team. Our Editor this year, Ben Coady, has proven to be the quintessential polymath. He has been an integral part of the sponsorship drive, in securing the contributions from our esteemed judges and in the day-to-day management of the Journal. This decennial edition of the OUULJ would not have been possible without his tenacity, wisdom and dedication. Complementing Ben's strengths, our three Vice-Editors, Richard Wagenländer, Merit Flügler and Kee Hwan Yeo, have worked admirably this year. They have each upheld the quality of the OUULB and supported the wider editorial team. I wish them all the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

To conclude, this edition marks the third and final year that I have worked on the Journal. In his touching foreword, Lord Neuberger highlights the enormous value that academic journals can give to the formation of young lawyers. I can attest to this wholeheartedly, as I finish my term as Editor-in-Chief more humbled by the brilliance of my peers than ever before. My lasting hope is that you, the reader, come away from this 10th edition of the Journal inspired, informed, and excited for the future of this publication.