

After a semester of hard work, we are proud to finally present this year's issue of the Washington University Undergraduate Law Review, which explores some of the most pressing legal and ethical challenges facing our society today.

This edition tackles vital questions surrounding reproductive freedoms, the rights of the incarcerated, and the evolving role of the state in matters of life and death. By challenging us to think critically about the law's role in shaping the world, we are urged to reconsider how it upholds or undermines the principles of justice, equality, and human rights.

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