

We are delighted to publish the largest issue of the Washington University Undergraduate Law Review to date, featuring articles from both fall and spring semester. Echoing the sentiments expressed in past editions, the legal field continues to experience frightening shifts. The law has too often been weaponized, threatening voting rights, immigrant communities, women's reproductive rights, education and free expression. The Supreme Court continues to issue alarming decisions and overturn foundational precedent, generating uncertainty. These trends within the U.S legal system, in conjunction with violations of international law globally, have shaken the trust in the law at all levels. In the context of this frightening weaponization, threats to human rights, and shifts in the legal field, this edition offers hope for the future of the legal profession.

In this edition, our writers exhibit analytical thinking and creative argumentation to confront pressing legal issues in today's society. The following pages feature legal analysis that range from state regulation of free speech rights, absentee ballots and health data to constitutional and ethical considerations for legal evidence, sentencing, and legislative behavior, as well as issues in sports and international human rights law. Representing a diverse array of undergraduate institutions, our writers provide thought-provoking insight into the use of the law as a positive force to promote democracy, justice, and human rights within society. We are so grateful to our writers for their passion, perspective, time, effort, and patience in the creation of this edition.

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