

# Editorial

Now in its fourth year, *Appeal* has developed a broad, cross-disciplinary readership. Exclusively publishing student legal writing, it attracts articles from across the country and continues to offer topical and engaging pieces that are of interest to both the general public and the legal profession.

The theme of the journal is Current Law and Law Reform, and the contents of the fourth volume represent a diverse range of topics. At the same time, many of the articles complement each other, dealing with converging issues.

The Trends and Developments section features four short articles which examine current issues and make recommendations for future directions in the law. Shera Effler considers the valuation of future earning capacity and its implications for young female plaintiffs in tort claims. Lisa Chamzuk evaluates the effectiveness of the Criminal Code in preventing the inappropriate use of sexual histories in sexual assault trials. Paul Ratanaseangsuang looks at the patentability of higher life forms and directions the law may take when the Federal Court speaks upon the patentability of the genetically engineered “Oncomouse.” In a related article, Christopher Cates provides an overview of issues surrounding the need to recognize property in human tissues.

Our Feature Articles also explore issues of emerging importance in Canadian law. Two authors, Barbara von Tigerstrom and Diba Majzub, consider privacy rights, the former in the context of health information and the latter in the context of employment. Lisa Anne Katz Jones looks at copyright law, and argues that copyright must be applied contextually in the area of on-line publishing. Finally, Michelle Lawrence examines the administrative law doctrine of “unreasonableness” and the ways that courts rely on it to reverse local government decisions.

We are very pleased to present in this volume of *Appeal* some of the very high-quality writing being produced by Canadian law students. We look forward to continuing to provide a unique and exciting forum for outstanding student legal scholarship.

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