

PREFACE

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Appeal: Review of Current Law and Law Reform is a student-led journal that publishes exclusively student work. This year, we continue to feature a vast array of fascinating topics from students across Canada. We introduce authors from the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, Dalhousie University, Queen's University, University of Toronto, and McGill University.

We begin with topics especially important to the west coast community, beginning with an Aboriginal law paper that distills the topic of restorative justice practices for Aboriginal offenders. We feature environmental papers that address unique issues, including the protection of Canada's glaciers from climate change and the harnessing of tidal energy for a sustainable future. Our *Charter* articles involve the right against unlawful searches and seizures of computers, freedom of thought and expression in the context of combatting home-grown terrorism, Parliament's possible use of the notwithstanding clause to override the newly recognized right to strike, and the approach to administrative law decisions that invoke these *Charter* rights. Finally, we present an ethics article on the dilemmas lawyers face in balancing their need to maintain civility in the courtroom while remaining a zealous advocate.

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Finally, we thank our exceptional authors for their hard work in the editing process (even in the course of world travel) to improve and enhance their papers, and our outstanding Editorial Board for their dedication in producing this volume. It has been our privilege to serve as this year's Editors-in-Chief.

This journal is the product of nearly fifty passionate contributors, students, and external reviewers; it is our joy and pride that we now present Volume 21 of *Appeal* to you, the reader.