

# PREFACE

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First and foremost, we acknowledge with respect the history, customs, and culture of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish peoples on whose traditional lands the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law, and *Appeal* reside.

*Appeal* is a student-led journal that publishes exclusively student work; this emphasis on the category of authorial experience invites a wide variety of paper topics and styles. This year, we introduce authors from the University of Victoria, the University of British Columbia, Osgoode Hall Law School, the University of Toronto, and McGill University. The papers in this volume provide insightful analyses of alternative pedagogies, rainwater harvesting, recent trends in criminal law, probate actions, *Charter* interpretation, domestic violence policies in Nunavut, and the criminalization of polygamy. These masterfully written papers open new doors in familiar subject matters, or introduce us to unique topics that we had not previously considered.

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Finally, we would be remiss not to thank our outstanding Editorial Board for their dedication to producing this volume. It has been our privilege to serve as this year's Editors-in-Chief.

We hope that you enjoy the papers in Volume 19 of *Appeal*.