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# EDITORS' NOTE

Dear Readers,

The *Sustainable Development Law & Policy Brief (SDLP)* is celebrating twenty years of legal scholarship on issues related to environmental, energy, and international development law. We are honored to be the Editors-in-Chief at this pivotal moment in *SDLP's* history. Over the past twenty years, *SDLP* has addressed cutting-edge legal issues developing within international environmental law. This year is no different. We continue to publish articles that push the limits of legal theory and policy, while giving a space for students to be involved in the conversation.

This issue focuses on how different countries around the world are using their laws and resources to respond to challenges with international ramifications and impacts. From climate change to deforestation, the challenges addressed are global in scope, but the solutions provided in this issue show how existing legal mechanisms can be used to meet these global challenges. Schaefer outlines military-based responses to climate change, and Hess describes how U.S. and Peruvian trade laws can combat the illegal lumber trade. The articles present hopeful and practical approaches because the solutions provided are creative uses of already-existing mechanisms.

We would like to thank all the article and feature authors for their insights and dedication to raising important legal issues. We would also like to thank the professors, e-board, staff, and publisher of *SDLP* for making this publication possible. *SDLP* is a team endeavor, so everyone's effort is so appreciated. Finally, we would like to thank our readers, whose involvement and investment in *SDLP* are the reasons that we have been able to create this publication for twenty years.

Sincerely,



Brianna DelDuca and Hannah Gardenswartz

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Because our publication focuses on reconciling the tensions found within our ecosystem, it spans a broad range of environmental issues such as sustainable development; trade; renewable energy; environmental justice; air, water, and noise regulation; climate change; land use, conservation, and property rights; resource use and regulation; and animal protection.

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