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Dear Readers,

The *Sustainable Development Law and Policy Brief* (“SDLP”) is celebrating twenty-two years of legal scholarship on issues related to environmental, energy, natural resources, and international development law. *SDLP* continues to provide cutting-edge solutions to these legal issues in the face of the global COVID-19 Pandemic, while also transitioning back into a “new normal.” This issue is no different, as we published articles challenging our lawmakers and policy heads to address the impending needs of our communities to develop more sustainable infrastructure—needs that are only exacerbated by man-made climate change. We are proud of the work published, and we are forever thankful to our staff who worked tirelessly on these pieces to bring our readership another great issue.

This issue champions solutions to meet the needs of outdated infrastructure and drought, which will simultaneously address human rights challenges and conservation issues. From creating intentional surplus programs along the Colorado River, to finding a balance between preserving cultural heritage and updating old infrastructure, our authors provide an in-depth analysis into the current issues we face and possible ways we may be able to address these challenges. The Stelter article outlines the challenges states have faced in the decades long drought impacting the Colorado River and how Utah can use other Colorado River basin states’ intentionally created surplus (“ICS”) programs to create their own, which ultimately addresses Utah’s water conservation concerns and water management issues. Stelter hopes that by implementing such a plan, along with complying with state drought contingency plans, other basin states can use Utah’s ICS plan to improve upon their conservation and water management issues. The Babaturk article begins by emphasizing the importance of heritage and cultural preservation but recognizes the need for making room for change in an ever-rapidly changing world. The article aims to tackle this delicate balance of preserving the past but making way for the future, using several cities rich with cultural history as case studies. Both articles provide hopeful and possible workarounds of their issues by building on frameworks already in place, while also putting forward innovative and thoughtful explanations to achieve solutions.

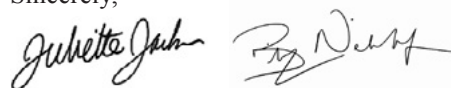
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Sincerely,



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