

## Davis Journal of Legal Studies, Vol. IV

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### Project Summary

The Davis Journal of Legal Studies project works to promote research, scholarship, and creativity through an undergraduate legal studies publication. The student scholarship published in Davis Journal of Legal Studies seeks to contribute to the discussion of legal issues through novel, undergraduate voices. We reach out to students across the UC Davis campus, as well as other campuses we network with through the UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement. The student research that is published in the journal contributes to vital campus expression and, we hope, will help create a more civically engaged student body. In addition, our journal provides an extracurricular academic experience, where the growing editorial staff can gain experience in editing, publication, and academic research, and our authors are able to express themselves, their communities, and their research.

### Impact

I am proud that the Davis Journal of Legal Studies continued growth this year, with 19 editors and seven authors, including our first author from the University of California, Santa Barbara. We are excited that outreach to other universities continues and are grateful to the UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement for supporting this outreach.

We are also proud of our retention, with several editors who have worked diligently to produce previous editions of the journal returning to mentor new editors. We published on a variety of topics this year, including international law in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, environmental law in the United States, historical analysis of anti-Asian legislation in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and ongoing issues with the US government and the balance of power.

Our authors and editors span across dozens of majors and include first-year students and graduating seniors alike. Regarding our timeline, we were successful in completing the final draft of the journal in mid-May but ran into some challenges with the funding system and had to delay printing of the journal until mid-July.