

**A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF VERMONT
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Editorial Board

Dear readers,

The year 2020 saw a pandemic hit the world, caused by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The Editorial Board want to extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible staff, faculty advisor, and the authors of Vermont Journal of Environmental Law, Volume 22, Issue 1 for their strength, compassion, and guidance during this difficult and unprecedented time.

In this issue, we especially looked to our school's motto: *Lex Pro Urbe et Orbe* ("Law for the Community and the World"). Issue 1 takes the reader on a journey, first looking within oneself, then to the surface of our actions, and finally outward to our actions to come. A journey from within, into space.

Issue 1 begins with a discussion on the rights of nature movement, focusing on the Lake Erie Bill of Rights and Whanganui examples. The piece demands reconsideration of our underlying environmental ethics and their reflection in environmental law and practice.

The next two pieces take the reader outside the inner self. Focusing on regulation, they explore solutions to the issues of toxic waste management and the spread of disease among vulnerable animal species. Finally, the issue concludes by looking beyond our planet, to the next frontier.

The final piece, authored by our very own Editor-in-Chief, begs a reevaluation of our approach to lawmaking and regulation of the environment. Discussing the Space Act of 2015, the piece heeds caution in continuing a status quo we have become familiar to on Earth. We hope you enjoy this journey.

Sincerely,

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