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## Letter from the Editor

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the First Issue in Volume 30 of the *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy*. This Volume was long in the making and builds on the rich history of the *Journal*. I want to extend a gracious thank you to all of our editors, both present and past. I would also like to thank the *Journal's* founder, Judge Scott Makar, for without him, there would be no *Journal*. Furthermore, I thank our ever-diligent Staff Editor, Lisa Caldwell, and our Faculty Advisors, Professor Teresa Reid and Dean Jon Mills. Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to the Fredric G. Levin College of Law faculty and administration, including Associate Dean Darren Hutchinson and Dean Laura Rosenbury.

For this Volume of the *Journal*, we have sought to build upon our 30-plus year history and foster an ongoing discussion regarding the pressing issues facing our community and country. We endeavored to engage academics, practitioners, interdisciplinary authors, and our fellow students in these discussions. Furthermore, we took inspiration from our founding principles and hosted a special Symposium on Gun Violence: Law, Politics, and Public Policy in the Spring of 2019 (articles from this Symposium will be featured in Issue Two). We also launched our new online Forum to continue these academic discussions beyond these printed pages.

In closing, we hope that the articles in these pages and the various discussions that follow are a benefit to our readers and will be the start of a revitalized *Journal*. Much has changed, both internal to the *Journal* and external, since Volume 1, and this is just the start of great things to come. I look forward to the next 30 Volumes and to the *Journal's* continued legacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam J. Bentley', with a stylized, cursive flourish extending to the right.

Adam J. Bentley  
Editor in Chief

