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## EDITOR'S NOTE

"Civilization has been a permanent dialogue between human beings and water."

-Paolo Lugari

Humans and water have been inextricably joined since the beginning of time. Water's impact on humans spans the gamut from floods to droughts, contamination to purification, thirst to satiation. Conversely, humans directly affect water by moving, contaminating, overusing, and altering it. This issue of the *Water Law Review* presents articles that consider that relationship between people and water.

In "Protecting Freshwater Resources in the Era of Global Water Markets: Lessons Learned from Bottled Water," Noah Hall examines the human-water bond as he explores the balance between protecting freshwater supplies and sustaining global water markets. Professor Hall discusses water as a "good" and the implications of that label. Further, he looks at the treatment of bottled water under international trade law and federal regulatory law.

The relationship between humans and water appears again in Alan Curtis's article, "Who Picks Up the Check? Nonpoint Source Pollution and the Clean Water Act." Examining and critiquing the Tenth Circuit's decision in *Center for Native Ecosystems v. Cables*, Mr. Curtis addresses human contamination of waters that occurs through livestock fecal runoff. He advises that nonpoint source pollution should be controlled through best management practices.

Ferrell Spencer Ryan explores how humans affect the spread of aquatic invasive species in his article, "Banning Felt Soles in Vermont: A Call for State Legislative Response to the Spread of Invasive *Didymo*." Looking to New Zealand for possible solutions, Mr. Ryan proposes banning felt soles on boots to help curb the spread of invasive algae in Vermont.

The next two articles provide an international slant on the human-water bond. Rebecca Torres examines human reliance on water for irrigation in her article, "Freshwater Resource and International Policy and Reform: A Comparative Study." Focusing particularly on Australia, the Philippines, China, India, Egypt, Latin America, and the United States, Torres looks at current irrigation practices and suggests solutions for increasing irrigation efficiency.

Tracking the close connection between humans and water, Lucas Piaggio's article "Water and Terrorism: The Liability of the Government from the Argentine Public Law Point of View" scrutinizes the poisoning of drinking water as a means of terrorism. Mr. Piaggio compares the 1990's terrorist attacks on the Embassy of Israel and the Israelite Mutual Association with a theoretical terrorist attack on Argentina's drinking water supplies, and he addresses the government's potential liability in such an event.

We are always thrilled to publish the latest poems by the Honorable Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr. of the Colorado Supreme Court. A collection of his poetry appears after the articles. More of Justice Hobbs' poetry can be found in Volume 3/Issue 2, Volume 5/ Issue 2, Volume 7/Issue 3, Volume 9/Issue 2, and Volume 11/Issue 2 of the *Water Law Review*.

This issue also presents in-depth analyses of two recent western United States court cases. First, Cody Doig examines the Colorado Supreme Court's decision in *Vance v. Wolf* and its impact on coalbed methane mining and the production of water, especially regarding the concept of beneficial use. Second, Craig Adams probes the Nevada Supreme Court's decision in *Adaven Management, Inc. v. Mountain Falls Acquisition Corp.*, looking at the alienability and transferability of water rights in Nevada. We conclude the issue with a variety of current court reports and book notes.

We hope you find the articles in this issue enlightening. Our discourse with water must continue as we move into the future and water becomes scarcer and more contaminated. Humanity's connection with water will continue to branch outward to include other humans because, as almost anyone could predict, there will be more wars over water than over oil in the future. We trust that this issue will contribute to humanity's permanent dialogue with water.

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