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# TWENTY YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: AN EXPOSITION OF STUDENT WRITING

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This issue celebrates a twenty year tradition: the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy*. The *Journal* today stands as a vibrant and essential component of the International Legal Studies Program at the University of Denver College of Law. The McDougal lecture, given annually by an eminent legal scholar to our student body, is published here, as are papers presented in the annual Symposium. The Sutton Award Paper, selected from submissions by University of Denver law students, is also an annual feature of the *Journal*. Working on the *Journal* allows our students to become familiar with well known and respected scholars and with the tradition of the law, and enter into debates on emerging norms and new issues. And just as important: the *Journal* serves as a stage for the debut of new voices.

In this past year, the *Journal* has completely updated every aspect of its operation, from new computer and Lexis equipment to more mundane matters such as new letterhead and computerized bookkeeping. We are proud of these changes, and hope they will enable us to better serve our audience. However, computers and fancy bookkeeping are merely cosmetics; the lifeblood of the *Journal* is the hardwork and energy supplied by our student staff and the support given by the College of Law.

This issue is a sampling of the scholarship of our student body, showcasing the broad range of interests and experiences that make the study of international law at D.U. so stimulating. Our featured student writers include a lawyer licensed in both Germany and now the United States, a former U.S. Senate aide, and a C.P.A..

The only non-student piece in this issue is the Capital Markets article. This section appears regularly in the *Journal*, and has proved very popular with our subscribers. The Capital Markets Section is a cooperative effort involving *Journal* staff and local practitioners, another example of the strong support we enjoy from the larger legal community. Be-

ginning in Volume 21, we will expand our coverage of economic issues with a new International Trade Section, which will explore topics such as the interaction between trade and environmental protection, labor issues, and the new regional common markets being birthed worldwide. The *Journal* will also continue to maintain its leadership position publishing articles on human rights and environmental issues.

International law typically changes at a glacial pace. However, events of the last several years have forced rapid reassessment of the conventional wisdom. It is an exciting time for all lawyers, but especially for those of us just entering the practice. The *Journal* is and will continue to be a forum where changes and new issues can be discussed. We hope you enjoy the voices debutting here today.

*Debra Asimus*