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Editor's Note

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E D I T O R ' S N O T E

This inaugural edition is the most recent development in Brigham Young University's long tradition of international study and scholarship. This *Review*, co-sponsored by BYU's Marriott School of Management and J. Reuben Clark Law School, combines the strength and resources of both institutions to create a publication that is both academically important and practically useful.

As the first university to produce a student-edited journal jointly between its law and management schools, BYU has taken an important step in addressing the nexus of international law and business during this historic period of economic globalization. Brigham Young University's strong history of involvement in international law and global management issues has created an environment conducive to the establishment of a journal with a topic as focused as ours. The Marriott School of Management hosts the Global Management Center, one of thirty Centers for International Business Education and Research in the United States. The J. Reuben Clark Law School hosts the BYU International Center for Law and Religion Studies and the World Family Policy Center. The graduate students studying at BYU also share a deep appreciation of foreign cultures. The graduate students in both the Marriott School and the J. Reuben Clark Law School have lived or studied abroad and about 4 out of every 5 students speak a second language fluently.

With that level of international interest being fostered on this campus, it was inevitable that a journal like this would start. The *International Law & Management Review* really began almost five years ago when law students with a passion for international law organized *Law Without Borders*. With minimal financial support, strong desire and optimism, these students gathered, edited, and published papers of international interest in an online forum. While the name changed a few times over the years, the interest in the project continued to grow. The effort continued under the guidance of students like James and Jaimee Neel, Matthew Jarman, Natalie Peterson, Aaron Winn, Jeremy Harris, Gustavo Lamanna, Estuardo Ponciano, Matthew Poulter, Curtis LaClaire, and many others.

Along the way a partnership formed with the Marriott School of Management as graduate students and faculty from the Marriott School began to embrace the unique opportunity to edit and publish with the *Review*.

Eventually the Foundation for International Law and Management was formed as a nonprofit educational corporation with the express intent of providing financial and advisory support to the *International Law & Management Review*. Since that time we have been overwhelmed by the support and enthusiasm that our contacts, friends, sponsors, and alumni have shown and the interest that this project has generated. We are most grateful to the Foundation's Board of Directors, the Board of Advisors, and the corporate and

individual sponsors—acknowledged in these opening pages—who have given generously to make this endeavor possible. We also wish to thank Senator Orrin Hatch for his support and words of encouragement.

Preparation of the inaugural issue of the *Review* has been a tremendous undertaking. While we have enjoyed the support of the administration and faculty of both the law and management schools, one person in particular is deserving of special recognition.

In 1975, young law professor James Backman set out as Editor-in-Chief with a group of eager law students, professors and practicing attorneys to establish the BYU Law Review. Three decades later Professor Backman is right back at it, playing an integral part in the establishment of this scholarly and entrepreneurial venture. In addition to providing our staff and editorial board with invaluable intellectual and professional guidance, his commitment to excellence in academic scholarship and education has had a profound influence upon our efforts. His vision and passion for educational excellence has motivated our students to take pride in and give their very best to the challenging work of editing and publishing these articles. We are extremely grateful and indebted to him for his invaluable support and assistance.

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