

FOREWORD

It is an immense honour for me to write the foreword to the first full volume of the Thompson Rivers University Law Review. It was founded in 2022 by our students, who have done an amazing job bringing it into existence and creating a place for the publication of peer-reviewed works of exceptional quality. It was an enormous task carried out with the enthusiasm and professionalism that have become the hallmarks of TRU law students.

As a published author and peer reviewer, I understand the rigour that is required when evaluating manuscripts for publication. Ours is a fast-paced world where everyone has a keyboard at their fingertips and a “publication” may be nothing more than the dumping of a few hastily jotted lines to a social media platform. To counter-balance this, the art of publishing research in an articulate manner needs to be preserved. I am therefore thrilled to see the first publication of this review.

Legal scholars play a crucial role in the development and preservation of our law and legal system. It is their job to collect, analyze, and criticize knowledge, and to share their findings and possible solutions with readers. Peer reviewers play an important role behind the scenes evaluating manuscripts for originality, relevance, and quality before they can be published. Student editors shepherd this process and carefully edit works before they reach the public. This is a grave responsibility and I applaud their commitment to excellence. While there are more popular, “bite-sized” publications (such as podcasts), traditional legal research continues to form the cornerstone of our knowledge of the law and I hope to see more

submissions of high-quality manuscripts for inclusion in future issues.

Our Faculty of Law is committed to preparing students for successful legal careers and this includes the ability to conduct high-quality legal research. I commend the founding and current editors who created and developed the TRU Law Review as a wonderful addition to the many learning opportunities at TRU Law. This is a significant contribution to TRU and the wider legal community, all of which you undertook as volunteer, extra-curricular work while also very successfully meeting the challenges of our demanding JD program. You can be very proud of what you have achieved and I am, too. May your passion for research and for the TRU Law Review live on in future generations and may this review grow in stature in years to come.

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