

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS- IN-CHIEF

This inaugural volume of the Thompson Rivers University Law Review (the “TRULR”) marks a significant milestone both for our editorial board and the legal community at Thompson Rivers University (“TRU”). Since its inception in 2022, the TRULR has evolved from concept to publication, and we are honoured to have helped bring that vision to life.

The 2024-2025 editorial board is proud to present Volume 1, Issue 1 of the TRULR. This issue features scholarly contributions from current and former TRU faculty, as well as a speech by the Honourable Justice Malcolm Rowe of the Supreme Court of Canada. Together, these works exemplify the journal’s dedication to fostering meaningful legal discourse within and beyond our academic community.

The TRULR gratefully acknowledges the foundational work of the editorial boards led by Pardeep Birak & Jack Hayhurst (2022–2023) and Prince Dhillon & Austin Auringer (2023–2024), whose early leadership and dedication made this volume possible.

We are sincerely grateful to the TRU Faculty of Law and administration for their guidance and belief in the TRULR’s potential. To our current faculty advisors, Assistant Professor Mark Mancini and Dr. Robert Chambers, and our past advisors, Dr. Robert Diab and Dr. Colton Fehr, thank you for your steadfast support at every stage. A special thanks to Dean Daleen Millard for your enduring commitment to student success. To the authors who contributed their scholarship and the peer reviewers who volunteered their time, the TRULR extends its deepest gratitude. And to the law students at

TRU—thank you for your continued support and engagement. None of this would have been possible without the dedication, resilience, and collaborative spirit of this year’s editorial board. We are confident that the TRULR’s future rests in capable and committed hands.

Serving as Editors-in-Chief of the TRULR has been an honour. As we publish this inaugural volume, we reflect with pride on the foundation we’ve helped lay and look ahead with hope to what this law review will become. We share in our founders’ vision of the TRULR as an accessible forum for legal scholarship: one that engages with pressing legal and social issues, and offers value to the judiciary, legal professionals, scholars, and students alike. We encourage future students to contribute to this growing project, and we hope that future editorial boards will look back on these early words and be inspired to carry the vision forward with purpose and pride.

With gratitude and respect,

Brittany Bouteiller & Marcus Smith

Editors-in-Chief

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