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FOREWORD

From its first publication in 2006, Liberty University Law Review has attracted high quality scholars to publish academic and practical articles on matters of importance to spur intellectual debate and to advance our profession. The student based staff, advised by dedicated faculty, is committed to excellence, and this commitment is exhibited in each of the three annual publications of the Law Review. The Law Review is an outstanding periodical designed to be a resource to improve the education of law students and practitioners by blending theoretical inquiry with practical application.

Liberty University Law Review and Liberty University School of Law are committed to the free exchange of ideas and the application of foundational principles rooted in the Western Legal Tradition. In that vein, the Law Review invites leading legal scholars to participate in symposia designed to explore substantive issues that impact our nation and world. On my second day serving as dean of Liberty University School of Law, the Law Review hosted a symposium entitled “Law, Stewardship, and the Dominion Mandate: Environmental Policy from a Christian Legal Perspective.” This program not only helped serve to solidify my belief that the decision to join the Liberty Law community was indeed a good one but also added to an already impressive body of accomplished work by previous Law Review staffs.

Designed to examine the intersection between Christian legal thought and the role of the state in protecting natural resources and the environment, panelists from Catholic University of America, Liberty University, Notre Dame University, and the Heritage Foundation provided a wide range of views on the subject. The Law Review’s objective was to host a forum for Christian legal scholars to provide a meaningful contribution to the field of environmental law while encouraging conversations about the opportunities and challenges facing legal and public policy leaders in our state and nation. The following pages illustrate that their objective was achieved.

At the conclusion of this academic year, Liberty University School of Law will celebrate its tenth graduation ceremony and welcome a new group of alumni into our community. Liberty Law has enjoyed a short, but very rich, history since its launch in 2004. From the first edition, Liberty University Law Review has served as a beacon of quality and excellence encouraging practicing lawyers and scholars from all areas of law to examine the law from a Christian perspective. In doing so, our students have met and overcome challenges, exceeding expectations by continually delivering an exceptional and useful product to the academy and profession.
Through the hard work and dedication of the student scholars of Liberty University Law Review, the future of Christian legal thought and, indeed, the legal profession is invigorated and fortified.

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