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Finally, the *Business Law Journal* will continue its mission of using the Law, as a mediator, to promote and protect economic growth by providing a forum for academics, practitioners, entrepreneurs, and students who want to help improve the quality of our standard of living. To achieve this and other goals, the *Business Law Journal* will ensure that *all ideas* are heard and considered on their merits and not on who expresses the idea.

With the utmost gratitude and appreciation,

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