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Editor's Preface

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EDITOR'S PREFACE

Over the past decade the development of technology has undoubtedly thwarted international relations. As a joint publication between Hofstra University's Maurice A. Dean School of Law, and the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, we at the *Journal of International Business & Law* strive to examine the different circumstances in which the world sees the integration of business and law. With the overwhelming presence of digital technology, two worlds that were once distinct have become succinct. This phenomenon is illustrated in consumerism, international relations, and has affected currency. To that respect, it is with the upmost pride that we release Volume XVI -- JIBL's first-ever special issue, focusing on Bitcoin.

Bitcoin is flipping the financial world on its head in the same manner the expanding Internet has transformed publishing. This decentralized digital currency, which can be transferred from person to person via the Internet, has generated an entirely new platform for innovation. Bitcoin, for better or for worse, has opened the doors to expansive access to the global market. Unsurprisingly, Bitcoin's very existence has sparked extensive conversation both in the business and legal worlds. Volume XVI, among other topics, aims to explore Bitcoin, as it is understood today, as well as analyze some of the prevalent matters surrounding its substance.

Additionally, in this issue our student authors have exhaustively researched and analyzed a wide array of topics including: The Greek Sovereign Debt Crisis, Cyber Security and the Organic Food Industry.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to our faculty advisor for the Law Division, Professor Julian Ku, as well as to our faculty advisor for the Business Division, Dr. Bonghee Yoo, for their guiding efforts as we worked to publish this issue. Additionally, it is with wholehearted appreciation that I recognize the staff of the *Journal of International Business and Law* for Volume XVI. The apothegm "it takes a village" is undoubtedly applicable to our publication process. Our entire staff has remained extremely diligent and meticulous throughout the course of the semester and it is through their combined efforts that we present the first issue of Volume XVI. Finally, I would like to thank JIBL's Managing Board, which is comprised of some of Hofstra Law School's best and brightest. Nadin Naumann, William Oswald Jr., Izabela Jargilo and Paris Gyparakis. It has been a genuine privilege to work with each of you, and I am eager to see what issue two of Volume XVI has in store for us.

It is our highest hope that you enjoy the first issue of Volume XVI of the *Journal of International Business & Law*.

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