Editor’s Introduction

Welcome to the First Edition of Volume Eight of the University of Oklahoma College of Law’s Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal (ONE J). This Edition showcases our student members and includes publications from the following authors: Meghan Brobst, Ben Davis, Nathan Downey, Emma Farha, Fisher Fulton, Hank Herren, Kylen Huffman, Madeleine Lange, Matt Peace, Emily Richard, and Alyssa Sloan. These authors offer reservoirs of refined analysis ranging from habendum clause interpretation to oilfield overtime pay, with a world of ONE-focused topics in between.

This Edition is my first as Editor-in-Chief. I am grateful to my brilliant predecessor, Ms. Piper Hampton. She led our publication with tireless dedication and bright confidence, and it is an honor to follow her precedent. Moreover, the 2022-2023 Editorial Board owes innumerable thanks to our Board predecessors for their mentorship. Mr. Michael Waters deserves special thanks. He not only facilitated this publication but contributed his unparalleled ability at every step.

Lastly, it has been a privilege to work shoulder-to-shoulder with my peers to contribute to this Edition. Each article represents a year-long commitment filled with deadlines, hardship, sacrifice, and achievement. Throughout the process, these authors defined themselves by their steady dedication and aptitude. I am immeasurably proud to share their voices with you.

This Edition includes more student articles than any of our publications to date. We hope you enjoy exploring its interesting and enriching lineup, and we thank you for your readership.

As always,

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