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It is with great pleasure that I introduce this edition of the Dundee Student Law Review, a publication that reflects the vibrant intellectual spirit of Dundee—a city steeped in legal tradition and progressive thought. Over the last thirty years, both the university and Dundee itself have undergone a remarkable transformation, evolving from its industrial roots into a modern, dynamic city known for innovation, culture, and education. This changing image mirrors the forward-thinking approach evident within these pages.

As a criminal lawyer practicing in Scotland, I am heartened to see the next generation of legal minds engaging deeply with the complexities of our law, bringing fresh perspectives and critical analysis to the fore. In the course of my legal practice I often meet graduates in law from the university who are now leading the profession and, when visiting Dundee's courts, I witness at first hand the strength and diligence of the local bar. This is all an enduring testament to Dundee's long relationship with legal excellence. My own positive experience as a student at the University of Dundee instilled in me a lifelong passion for education—qualities I see reflected in the contributors to this review.

The students embody the dynamic energy of Dundee itself, a city that has long been associated with resilience, reform, and a dedication to the rule of law. The articles within this edition address pressing legal issues with clarity and insight, demonstrating a maturity that bodes well for the future of Scottish legal practice.

I commend the editorial team and contributors for their commitment to excellence and scholarship. This journal will continue to inspire and challenge, reinforcing Dundee's proud place within the Scottish legal landscape.