
Editorial[†]

Many people ask me: how does it feel to be the Editor-in-Chief of one of the first European student-run law journals? I still have not found a unique answer to such a question. Perhaps, a unique answer does not even exist. The truth is that, like any noteworthy adventure, it involves a great variety of concomitant yet winking feelings and sensations. The excitement for the unexpected is often mixed with the fear of what is coming next and cannot be foreseen, while the need for self-improvement often gives way to an air of resignation, to be turned on again in extreme positivity. For me, being the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the University of Bologna Law Review has represented – and still represents – one of the most significant events of my life. I can say that for sure.

This has all started from a simple idea coming up during a cold winter evening – I know, it seems like I am quoting a thriller, but that is the gospel truth: such simple idea has been developed through chilly days, then warm ones, then chilly and then cold ones again, giving birth to an incredible full-optional car you really cannot stop driving. The core of the journal is composed of its scientific committee and editorial team, including more than thirty students from the University of Bologna, School of Law, and several Visiting Editors, i.e. foreign students and recent graduates willing to live an editorial experience with us. We feel like a big family, in which we have shared – and keep sharing – dreams, hopes, ideas, passions and studies.

The University of Bologna, through the Department of Legal Studies, has allowed us to achieve something extraordinary, which pushes the students into performing a complex set of activities since their first year of law school. Our editors, therefore, learn how to analyze manuscripts, to carry out editing activities following The Bluebook sections of their competence, to work in a team as well as independently and, maybe the most important, to deeply respect their teammates. It is amazing to see what students are able to do if sufficiently encouraged, and the incredible energy they can share. I often think about the changes that the University of Bologna Law Review has

lived through and it makes me smile. Yes, I smile because I am pleased to have shown to many people the students' value, often set aside in a tedious learning routine.

The University of Bologna has decided to believe in its students and to rejoice with us in our results. There is only one last doubt standing, which will never see an answer: who knows how I would have come off, if the law journal had already existed while I was a student, and, above all, would I have got through the admission process?

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