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Foreword

I am honored to have the privilege of introducing this inaugural issue of the *Global Business Law Review*. As is so aptly stated on the journal's website, the mission of the journal is to provide "an innovative platform for scholars and practitioners to explore novel and transformational issues in the field of international business law." In an age of globalization and ever-expanding international trade, the *Global Business Law Review* will serve as a forum for debating the legal issues that will define the future of international business.

The *Global Business Law Review* will take an innovative multi-modal approach to encouraging the exchange of ideas. The journal launched a robust website earlier this year at www.globalbusinesslawreview.org where the spring issue of the journal will be published and where open discussions take place on recent developments in law and industry in the online forums. The journal will also sponsor an annual symposium on a high-profile issue in the field of international business law. The proceedings of the symposium will be printed in the journal's fall symposium issue and the video of the presentations is available on the website for the world to view.

This issue of the *Global Business Law Review* contains the proceedings of the journal's inaugural symposium on *International Finance after the Crash: Regional Responses to the Global Financial Crisis*, which was held at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law on April 9, 2010 before a crowd of some 250 attendees from the academic, legal and business communities. The symposium brought together a dynamic combination of speakers, drawn from both academia and legal practice, who examined the causes, repercussions, and responses to the financial meltdown that has come to be known as the Great Recession. It was an exemplary first symposium that set the standard for what the *Global Business Law Review* can achieve by facilitating a vigorous and enlightening debate on the most pressing issues of the day.

The successful launch of the *Global Business Law Review* is a testament to the energy and ingenuity of the founding editors of the journal. Reginald Russell willed the journal to life as its first Editor-in-Chief and tirelessly tended to the many details involved in creating a new journal. He was supported by a devoted team of editors that included Charles Prihoda, Andrew Trout, Justin Zucker, David Moore, Megan Fischietto, Kewu Li, Alex Meyers, Neil McGowan, Arunesh Sohi and Kevin Preslan. Now entering its second year, the journal has a new Editor-in-Chief in Megan Fischietto, who is continuing with skill and dedication to establish the *Global Business Law Review* as a lasting institution.

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