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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the first installment of Volume 28. Until recently, the *Washington International Law Journal* was the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* and was limited to the Pacific Rim and related law and policy. The Journal's scope expanded in Volume 24 to include all international, foreign, and comparative law topics. This issue seeks to further implement this expansion with articles and comments addressing a wide range of international and foreign law topics.

In Volume 28, Issue 1, readers can explore two types of government intervention and regulation in China, land title insurance in India, and African mining laws. First, Yueh-Ping (Alex) Yang delves into the Chinese commercial banking sector, the roles of the party-state and private capital, and agency issues that arise from this model. Nga Kit 'Christy' Tang's article follows, with a discussion of the impact of China's acceptance into the World Trade Organization on food and product safety regulation in China. Anirudh Burman then presents an analysis of the feasibility of title insurance for land titles in India, based on the current system of laws. Finally, Nneoma Veronica Nwogu offers insight into provisions in African mining laws that mandate local labor participation and whether these provisions anticipate the rise of automation.

In addition to the diversity of article topics presented in this issue, four student pieces provide interesting commentary on foreign and international law. First, it contains a student translation piece of China's Supreme People's Court's Annual Report on Intellectual Property cases by Ida L. Knox, Ruixiang (Ray) Xu, and Weichen Zhu. Second, Brittney Dimond presents the options available to the United States if the International Criminal Court opens a formal investigation into war crimes committed in Afghanistan, and recommends a course of action. Next, Zachary Browning explores the different ways in which courts in Hawai'i, Japan, and New Zealand have addressed the rights of indigenous populations in land disputes. Lastly, Adam Sterling provides a thorough analysis of the implicit limits on the amendment

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process of the Japanese Constitution and how courts can assert their power of judicial review to prevent harmful changes.

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Finally, I would like to give special thanks to Volume 27's Editor-in-Chief Vanessa Williams-Hall for her substantial assistance in preparing me for this role.

We are proud to present our readers with this compilation of foreign and international law scholarship. With that, we present the first issue of Volume 28.