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Dear readers,

After more than one year of hardships, quarantine, remote learning, job-losses, increased caregiving responsibilities, and tragic losses of loved ones due to COVID-19, our *FIU Law Review* editors, faculty, and student body returned to campus for in-person classes in August. As we began the academic year trying to return to a sense of normality from a global pandemic that is far from over, it seemed only fitting to publish our first issue of Volume Sixteen based on the COVID Care Crisis Symposium held virtually by Indiana University. Organized by Dean Shruti Rana of Indiana University, Professor Meera E. Deo of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and Professor Cyra Akila Choudhury of FIU College of Law, the symposium shed light on the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on minority faculty, students, and legal professionals with caregiving responsibilities in academia. This issue seeks to do the same.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have transformed the field of legal academia in positive and negative ways, and its effects will be felt for years to come. Although this issue departs from the articles traditionally published in a flagship journal, this issue reflects the similarly un-traditional time we have been experiencing since March 2020. I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the publication of this issue. Their pieces illustrate hardships and systematic issues, but also tell tales of triumph and empowerment. I admire these authors for their strength and courage, and for giving a voice to those who feel invisible or unheard. I am proud to have published their pieces in our journal, and I hope their stories inspire and resonate with you.

This issue is dedicated to the 260 million lives lost to COVID-19, and counting.

With gratitude,



Nicolas A. Scutari
Editor in Chief, 2021–2022