

EDITORS' NOTE

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We are delighted to present the inaugural issue of the McGill Health Law Publication (MHLP).

The term “health law” is highly charged. For us, it refers to the legal challenges presented by an increasingly intricate interweaving of health, technology, and medical research as it is brought to bear on public policy and social concerns. Founded over two years ago, the Publication has sought to turn a critical lens on the dialogue between governmental agencies and the legal and medical professions. Our contributors—an eclectic group of scholars in law, medicine and allied health fields, lawyers, policy analysts, and judges—have been encouraged to venture beyond purely regulatory or legalistic analysis.

Eschewing a designated theme, we have assembled an intentionally diverse anthology of peer-reviewed articles on a broad range of contemporary issues, including commercialization of biomedical research, prenatal care, stem cell research, animal-human combinations, the public/private health care debate, and research ethics. Bookends are provided by Dean Nicholas Kasirer of the McGill Faculty of Law and eminent health law jurist Mr. Justice Jean-Louis Baudouin.

We wish to express our profound gratitude to each and every supportive member of the McGill community, with special thanks to the MHLP team, our Advisory Board, and our Faculty Advisor, Professor Angela Campbell. As the need for efficient and just health care policy grows ever more acute, we hope that this volume will offer new perspectives on constructive solutions to emerging legal quandaries.

À votre santé!

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