EDITOR’S NOTE

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The MJLH continues to grow by leaps and bounds. After graduating from experimental Publication to full-fledged Journal last summer, we issued a first and, as the articles in this issue demonstrate, highly successful open call for submissions. Fortuitously complementary pieces resulted in this three-themed volume.

Drugs top the list. At the input level, Ron Bouchard and Monika Sawicka’s dual contribution explains Canada’s drug licensing regime from scientific and legal perspectives. At the output level, Amir Attaran decries procedural lacunae in patient access to these drugs.


Finally, Denise Avard, Bartha Knoppers, and Gillian Nycum present a comprehensive, international look at potential sources of legal obligations to communicate genetic risk within families. In this, we welcome and celebrate the fruitful contribution of an MJLH founder to the academic health law community beyond the walls of the Faculty.

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The MJLH family is expanding. Enthusiastic, enterprising medical students joined our ranks last fall and were instrumental in turning the idea of a Student Colloquium on Law and Health into a successful reality. Five distinguished members of the McGill extended community also accepted an invitation to join our advisory board: the Honourable Senator David W. Angus, Professor emeritus Paul-André Crépeau, Maître Amélie Dionne-Charest, the Honourable Justice Allan Hilton, and Professor Robert Kouri. Welcome!

For five years, McGill students have invested their time and devoted their energies to the MJLH as a work of love. This fall, thanks to the ardent support of Associate Dean David Lametti and to the collaborative efforts of the editors-in-chief of the McGill Law Journal and the McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, the MJLH becomes a fully accredited endeavour.

I would like to thank our departing Dean Nicholas Kasirer, whose belief in the nobility of volunteer work and trust in the greatness of the Faculty inspired us, and whose unbending support bolstered and concretized not only this Journal but also McGill’s blossoming health law specialty.

En terminant, je remercie notre conseillère aguerrie, Mme Angela Campbell, ainsi que mon équipe de rédacteurs qui a su bien choisir et corriger les articles que vous lirez dans ce volume. Plus particulièrement, j’exprime ma gratitude envers l’extraordinaire Dorian Needham, le minutieux Nariman Nabahi, et le dévoué Mike Huynh, qui ont formé un cercle exécutif imbattable pendant l’année. I am proud to pass the mantle on to Mike, who shouldered more than his fair share of work in getting Volume III to press and whose innovative touch will no doubt lead the way to a remarkable fourth Volume in 2010.

À votre santé!