

# Editor's Note

Welcome to the fourth issue of the *Court of Conscience*.

With life so full of seemingly insurmountable challenges—sudden changes in fortune and injustices that daily cry out for redress—their enormity tends to bring out the hardened cynic in even the most idealistic among us. It is too easy to resign ourselves to accepting the dreaded status quo—to follow the well-trodden path of least resistance—to leap to anger, or, at best, to hold out only the faintest hope that someone, somewhere, with more visible clout or a stronger voice, will pierce through the veils of indifference to take up the good fight on our behalf.

The law is an important social justice tool. Those well versed in the law are in a privileged position to effect change. Students at law should not forget the power they wield when they depart university life for the daily grind of the workplace.

This issue features discussion on a diverse range of topical issues, from asylum seekers to climate change, Indigenous' rights to judicial independence. The diversity of current issues remind us just how many walks of life are affected by social justice issues.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Court of Conscience*.

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