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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is my privilege to introduce the inaugural issue of the *NLS Business Law Review*. At the start of the academic year, the founding editorial board of this law review elected to take up a task and responsibility that was as formidable as it was exciting – that of laying the foundation of an institution that would benefit and hold relevance for students, academics, and practitioners alike.

As the first and only academic journal in India entrusted with the mandate of tracing developments and legal issues arising in the field of “*business law*,” the *NLS Business Law Review* draws from precedent in the form of several renowned international journals which were instituted with the aim of promoting academic debate and pioneering scholarship not just in the field of corporate and commercial laws, but allied legal frameworks as well. Indeed, in the course of our work as the former *National Law School Journal of Corporate Law*, we came to realise two things: (i) the need for the inclusion of important allied legal regimes impacting business within our scope, and (ii) the need for a clearer articulation of our mandate and a title that reflects this expanded ambit.

As a result, the scope of what began as an endeavour focused solely on corporate governance and finance, quickly expanded to include dispute resolution, labour, intellectual property and competition, in addition to traditionally related fields such as capital markets and securities regulation, banking and finance, foreign investment and taxation. The best way then to define the mandate of this law review, and our task as editors is, rather than restricting ourselves to a legislation-based checklist, to think of each article in terms of the question: “*how relevant is it to doing business in India today?*”

Today, this inaugural issue stands testimony to the vision, effort and commitment of students and faculty of the National Law School of India University, coupled with decades of experience of our advisors and alumni. We are humbled by the unprecedented reception of this initiative by all sections of the legal fraternity over the past year, even transcending international boundaries. In striving to represent the diverse discourse on business law in its entirety, we have been fortunate to carry contributions from an honourable member of the judiciary, a Queen’s Counsel, a former global general counsel, and an economic policy-maker, among others.