

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Immigration under Trump's Administration is one of the most hotly-contested and rapidly evolving topics in American law. From January 2017 to present, Trump's Administration has, among other things: instituted the "travel ban" which banned nationals of several countries from entering the United States and blocked all refugees from seeking refuge from persecution here; separated thousands of children from parents seeking asylum; reduced refugee admissions to the lowest level since 1980; cancelled the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program;<sup>1</sup> instituted mass prosecution for improper entry and mass detention and deportation of individuals crossing the Mexican border; and instituted a program to strip naturalized U.S. citizens of citizenship.<sup>2</sup>

To explore the impact of these policy changes at a level beyond the scope of daily news, *Lewis & Clark Law Review* hosted a symposium entitled, "The Immigration Nexus: Law, Politics, and Constitutional Identity" on March 19, 2018. This symposium was a unique opportunity to hear from a distinguished group of professors and practicing lawyers on one of the most challenging topics facing our society today.

The Supreme Court's decision in *Trump v. Hawaii*,<sup>3</sup> decided just four months after the symposium, highlights how important it is to continue examining the ever-changing landscape of immigration. When the divided Supreme Court declared the travel ban to be a valid exercise of presidential power over immigration, it altered the existing geography of immigration law. This division between the Justices, however, demonstrates

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<sup>1</sup> Sarah Pierce & Andrew Selee, *Immigration under Trump: A Review of Policy Shifts in the Year Since the Election*, MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE (2017), <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/immigration-under-trump-review-policy-shifts>.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Dep't of Justice, *Attorney General Announces Zero-Tolerance Policy for Criminal Illegal Entry* (Apr. 6, 2018), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-announces-zero-tolerance-policy-criminal-illegal-entry>.

<sup>3</sup> 138 S. Ct. 2392 (2018).

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that the fundamental issues of law in immigration have not been put to rest and echoes the varied themes that the authors expound upon in their contributions to this symposium.

Together, these articles provide thought-provoking commentary covering a wide range of immigration topics. I thank the authors for their valuable contributions to such a complex field of law.

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