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Dear Subscribers,

Over the last several years, members of the *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review* (GIELR) have discussed omitting the word “International” from the journal’s name to reflect the greater depth and breadth of both our journal and the Georgetown environmental law curriculum. This spring, our journal members pursued this change, and we are pleased to announce that the GIELR is now officially the *Georgetown Environmental Law Review* (GELR).

We anticipate that our broader name will enable our journal to continue to attract and publish high quality environmental scholarship from international authors, while also enhancing our prospects for top-tier domestic works. We believe the dialogue on environmental issues has shifted since our journal’s founding in 1988 and our name now reflects the well-founded notion that environmental issues are inherently global in scope. Perhaps most importantly, we believe this change will better serve our student editors by expanding our reach into domestic environmental law scholarship. Broadening the pieces we work on will provide invaluable opportunities for our members to interact with more scholars and practitioners.

Even after this change, GELR will remain dedicated to its fundamental mission statement, which recognizes that “Environmental issues do not recognize political boundaries, nor do they respect territorial integrity.” To stay true to this mission and continue to showcase the international environmental scholarship our journal is known for, we are launching an annual international issue that we will publish as the first issue of each volume. Additionally, GELR will continue to publish international environmental law articles alongside domestic articles in the remaining issues of each volume.

This is an exciting time for our journal. We strongly believe that this change will better reflect the greater depth and breadth of our student editors and the Georgetown Law environmental law curriculum. We also hope this change is welcome news to our valued readers. We thank you for your continued support of the *Georgetown Environmental Law Review*.

Sincerely,

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