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INTRODUCTION

When I first began working at Georgia State Law, Julian’s first Festschrift Symposium had just taken place and the *Urban Lawyer* had published the resulting articles in a special edition titled “A 2020 View of Urban Infrastructure: A Festschrift Symposium in Honor of Julian Conrad Juergensmeyer on the Occasion of His 45th Year of Teaching Law.” Julian’s retirement this year, in 2020, has given us the opportunity to reflect on Festschrift I’s predictions and honor his 55-year teaching career and legacy in infrastructure finance.

Festschrift II features several tributes written by Julian’s dearest friends and colleagues, and numerous articles on a wide range of topics including: an urgent call to change land use law and regulation; assessments on the state of growth management programs; cities as international legal authorities; cities and climate change; environmental protection through urban planning; affordable housing policies in England, U.S., Brazil and France; seniors and housing; sustainable urban development; historic preservation; transport sustainability and equitable access. This edition also features articles on topics that were certainly not top of mind ten years ago, but are today – pandemic planning and regulating micromobility.

It has been a great privilege to serve as the Managing Editor for “Festschrift II – International Perspectives on Urban Law and Policy.” Working for Julian over the last decade has been the most rewarding period of my career. Not only have I had the amazing opportunity to study land use under one of the world’s foremost experts, I had the opportunity to do it traveling the world with him through our Study Space Program - experiencing urban problems firsthand and learning from local experts. Just as you will read in every tribute written for this edition, Julian has been more than a boss or a mentor to me – he is a dear friend. Julian - I’m going to miss working with you on a daily basis, but I promise to continue building upon the incredible legacy you have created at Georgia State Law.

I hope you enjoy reading all the tributes and articles as much as I did.

Sincerely,

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