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A Note from the Editor

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Welcome to Volume 32 of the *Maryland Journal of International Law* (“*MJIL*”). We are happy to present this special symposium issue focused on corruption in international sports. This is a timely issue that touches on the complex legal interconnections of the global sports community.

From the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (“FIFA”) to the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), global sports touch on a myriad of legal and ethical issues that invite corruption. Issues range from the widely-publicized corruption scandal that has rocked FIFA in recent years to the more nuanced issues of match-fixing, gambling, and even doping in the new realm of e-Sports. *MJIL* was fortunate to have many of the top practitioners and commentators working in the field of global sports law at the Journal’s October 2016 Symposium. During a day of presentations and discussions participants debated, discussed, and explored corruption issues and considered solutions. Many of these participants have contributed to Volume 32, further expanding on and developing ideas explored at the Symposium and bringing this important debate to a wider audience of readers.

The legal issues discussed by Symposium authors not only showcase the globalization of sports law but also highlight the continuing globalization of all aspects of law. The two student pieces in Volume 32 further demonstrate the increasingly interconnectedness of national and international legal regimes. As governments, business, and sports organizations expand their reach beyond national borders it is inescapable that the law will need to develop and evolve in order to facilitate the free flow of ideas and safeguard against exploitation and corruption.

I would like to thank all Symposium participants for their

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