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## Preface

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## PREFACE

In 1962, John Steinbeck said it best about Texas, “For all its enormous range of space, climate, and physical appearance, and for all the internal squabbles, contentions, and strivings, Texas has a tight cohesiveness perhaps stronger than any other section of America. Rich, poor, Panhandle, Gulf, city, country, Texas is the obsession, the proper study, and the passionate possession of all Texans.” The Annual Survey of Texas is a part of that passion, and Texans strive to be the best in whatever they are passionate about, and the legal system is no exception. These pages chronicle the recent developments in Texas law by those who are passionate about it. It is the hope of the Annual Survey of Texas that this year’s Survey will continue that long-standing tradition.

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Last year, Ben Nicholson and his Associate Editors began work on this edition of the Survey. This past spring, when I inherited the editorial responsibilities for the Survey from Mr. Nicholson, he had already placed the Survey on a strong footing by inviting this year’s authors and by continuing the strong traditions of the Survey. Both Mr. Nicholson’s and my team worked many days and long hours to produce this edition of the Survey—an accomplishment for which we are all very proud to attach our names to.

Mr. Nicholson and I would like to thank our outgoing associate editors, Victoria Nsikak and Criselda Roque, and our incoming associate editors, Laurel Brewer and John Carse, for their hard work, unwavering commitment to excellence, and positive attitudes in the face of a towering workload.

We would also like to thank Donnise Baldwin for her knowledge and patience in assisting with the creation of this year’s Survey. We would not have been able to navigate the complicated world of law review publication without her help and calming nature. She is truly a saving grace.

Additionally, we would like to thank the authors for taking the time out of their busy schedules to contribute to the Survey. It is the author’s works that have made the Survey what it is today.

Finally, we would like to express our deep gratitude to our spouses, families, and friends for their steadfast wisdom and support, not only during the publication process, but also during our entire time in law school. This edition would not have been possible without them.

Sincerely,

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