

## INTRODUCTION

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This issue marks the 10-year anniversary of the *Chicago-Kent Journal of Environmental and Energy Law* (JEEL). In the 1980s, Chicago-Kent developed one of the first certificate programs specifically designed to specialize in the study of environmental and energy law. This program differed from others by exposing students to both foundational environmental regulatory issues as well as energy law and policy. In 2010, the program took another step forward by creating JEEL, a student run journal providing a major source for environmental and energy scholarship. JEEL has since been Chicago's only environmental-specific law journal and the longest-running in the Midwest. In the last decade, JEEL has covered topics ranging from offshore wind energy and the domestication of wild animals to protecting children from environmental harm and beaches from rising sea levels. While located in Chicago, the *Journal* has made it a priority to publish scholarship about environmental law and policy issues from not just a local level, but from a national and global level as well.

This decade has been one of tremendous growth for JEEL. Specifically, this year we focused on our growing online presence. First, we increased our online presence by ensuring our previous and current publications will be accessible not just on LexisNexis, but also Westlaw and HeinOnline. Second, the JEEL Blog was improved and expanded by providing bi-weekly, consistent discourse on environmental issues happening across the region, country, and world. Third, JEEL conducted a complete overhaul of our website and social media presence, allowing for easier navigability and sharing of information like the JEEL blog through tools such as LinkedIn.

This year has not been one without challenges. In 2020, the world was ravaged by the novel coronavirus-19. As a student-run journal, this virus has had not just a significant impact on us and our fellow students at Chicago-Kent but at law schools across the world. I would like to thank my extraordinary editorial board for their hard work, dedication and perseverance. Without them, JEEL would not have been able to accomplish all that it did this year. I would also like to thank JEEL's faculty advisor, Professor Keith Harley, for his leadership and guidance throughout the publication process and my time at Chicago-Kent. Lastly, I would like to thank JEEL's previous Editors-in-Chief for giving me the tools to succeed and for inspiring me to take this journal to new heights. It has been a privilege to serve as the Editor-in-Chief for JEEL's 10-year anniversary publication and I look forward to seeing its continued success in the many years to come.