

FOREWORD TO SLGJ SPECIAL EDITION, SAFE SPORT COMMENTARIES

It is with great pleasure that we present this body of Safe Sport Commentaries as part of a special edition of the *Sports Law and Governance Journal*.

This edition is dedicated to exploring emerging perspectives and innovative methods to safeguard and preserve our sport environments. It offers a rare opportunity to pause, assess, and consider ways to improve the sporting landscape.

The contributions gathered here reflect a diverse and dynamic scholarly community, indeed, with commentaries from academics based in the UK, Canada, and Australia. The authors featured in this edition demonstrate the depth and breadth of contemporary scholarship. This edition is proudly cross-disciplinary, featuring expertise in criminology, creative media and Esports, health in military contexts, sport integrity, and torts and criminal law. Each article offers a distinct lens on the challenges and possibilities that align with the safe sport theme, and together form a coherent narrative of intellectual curiosity, academic rigour, and forward-looking inquiry.

This special edition would not have been possible without the dedication of our contributors and editorial team. Their commitment to excellence has ensured that the work presented here meets the highest academic standards. I am deeply grateful to Annette Greenhow, General Editor, for her wisdom, leadership, and support along the way. My thanks also go to Sarah Lush, Publication Officer, for her outstanding dedication and professionalism, and to our student editors, whose careful review and thoughtful feedback have enriched this collection.

It is hoped that this collection will inspire new questions, foster interdisciplinary dialogue, and encourage further innovation. Thank you for joining us in celebrating this moment of collective scholarly achievement.

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