

**EDITORIAL**

Never mistake law for justice. Justice is an ideal, and law is a tool.

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We live in a polarized world of instantaneous opinions and reactions without substantially and contextually comprehending facts. Students and practitioners of law are often critiqued for focussing on the unravelling of legal provisions in the court rooms and many of us lament that the wheels of law move too slowly or hardly at all in these hallowed halls and thereby impediment demand(s) for justice for actual and perceived grievances which are accumulating in an ever-changing socio-economic milieu.

In the coming years, the juxtaposition and inter-relationship of law and justice will sound the litmus test of any society claiming to be civilized and developed and we who are engaged in the legal community need to be wary of the consequences of ignoring this at our own peril. Academic scholarship reflecting upon these developments with the wisdom of critical foresight and hindsight can offer some solace to these tensions.

On a personal and professional aside, it has been a remarkable journey to be associated with BJLS from its inception till date and here's to engaging in a critical reading of the articles in this volume of BJLS and may they stimulate an intellectual discourse of the issues discussed and analyzed therein respectively.

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