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The War on Drugs Symposium: 50 Years Later

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In June of 1971, President Nixon declared a “War on Drugs,” suppressing drug channels and increasing the criminalization of drug use, possession, and supply. Fifty years later, this “all-out offensive” continues. Yet, not only has drug use since increased, but so too has violence, conflict, and corruption. We are pleased to produce four brilliant pieces of work from our distinguished group of authors, Professors Tom Lininger, Phil Lord, Michael S. Lewis, Attorney Bailey D. Barnes, and our very own colleague, Cassandra Moran. Through their work, they attempt to tackle several of the negative aftermaths of the War on Drugs and their troubling legal consequences.

Thank you to our authors for visiting the law school in October to present their work, engage the New Hampshire legal community and offer potential solutions on a challenging, and at times, appalling subject matter. Also, a very special thank you to our three panelists, UNH Law Professor Lucy Hodder, Manchester, New Hampshire City Solicitor Emily Gray Rice, and New Hampshire Associate Attorney General James Boffetti for attending the symposium to address opioid litigation settlements and the developing legal landscape impacting our local communities. Finally, I would like to thank the entire Volume 20 Editorial Board for their assistance, guidance, and constant support in helping make this symposium one of our best yet. The University of New Hampshire Law Review Editorial Board is honored to publish these written works.