

# From the Executive Editor's Desk

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## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITORS OF THE MANITOBA LAW JOURNAL:

We thank the editors of this volume, Jocelyn Stacey and the Nomi Claire Lazar, and all of the contributing authors for inviting us to partner with them in bringing out this timely set of reflections on the federal government's invocation in 2022 of its powers under the Emergencies Act.

A public inquiry by Justice Roleau into the use of the special powers issued its report earlier this year. We hope that this collection by independent academic experts will provide further perspective, on recent events and serve as an inspiration and guide to law reform across Canada in relation to the framing and use of emergency powers.

The Manitoba Law Journal is working on two further special issues that will focus on adaptations to the COVID crisis, they will focus on our own provincial community. One will be on online dispute resolution; it will explore how lawyers, judges, and civil servants made increased use of distance technologies in the administration of justice and what features of those experiments will endure. The other special issue will explore decision-making during the crisis by our most senior elected leaders.

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## COVER, ARTIST'S STATEMENT

The cover art, *Emergencies*, explores an uncertain tension within political pluralism within a Canadian context. Vexillology enthusiasts will notice not just the Flag of Canada, but the Canadian Duality Flag, the Pearson Flag and an ominous monochrome flag in the foreground that has no real world parallel. This work is meant to illustrate not just the current uses of the

*Emergencies Act*, but to capture the feeling of what future instances of the *Emergencies Act* might evoke.

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