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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In a time that polarization seems to be the going trend, the launch of this tax law magazine proves that celebrating differences across geographies can lead to exceptional results! We had a vision to create a bold magazine by bringing together a team of leading tax experts and tax law students from Curaçao, Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Maarten, Suriname and the Netherlands to give the Caribbean tax law a voice and a platform to share knowledge and best practices. I am incredibly proud of what our team has created on the pages that follow. Tax law students from the University of Curaçao have put forth their ideas and thoughts for introducing a new tax magazine. From the interview they conducted with the Minister of Finance of Sint Maarten, Ardwell Irion, to the interviews with alumna Rowan-John Martina and Nafthely Martis, launching this magazine has really been an epic project. We got excited collating all contents we had received like the Chronicles of the Curaçao real estate tax by Mitchell Karman, the proposed Tourist Tax Bonaire by Hans Ruiters, the column by Julian Lopez Ramirez regarding the Pricing of gasoline in Curaçao, the Value Added Tax in Suriname by Priscilla Lachman, International taxation and



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blacklisting by Wessel Geursen and many more. We've got it all covered! I take the opportunity to thank all the contributors and the sponsors for making this magazine possible. As we hit off the first issue, please don't hesitate to reach out with ideas or comments as we will be happy to follow up in future issues. I can be reached at germaine.rekwest@uoc.cw.

Cheers to our first issue!

Germaine Rekwest