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As of this issue, and after 8 years of service, Omri Ben-Shahar is stepping down as an editor of the *Journal of Legal Studies*. During our 3 years as his fellow editors, Omri was our wise and indefatigable colleague. He brought to the journal his penetrating insight, always able to identify core insights in submissions and working tirelessly with authors (and his fellow editors) to unearth, clarify, and sharpen the insights. He set an editorial standard to which we aspire.

Omri shepherded the *JLS* through a period of growth. Submissions have steadily risen: during his tenure as editor, the *JLS* published 165 articles from well over 1,000 individual submissions plus five conferences. And we have witnessed greater methodological diversity and sophistication in submissions. For the *JLS*, these welcome developments have presented a particular challenge: the increasing sophistication of theoretical and empirical methodologies in social science tends to make interdisciplinary work in law less accessible to broad audiences. In meeting this challenge, Omri firmly maintained an editorial vision that theoretical frameworks and empirical strategies can and should be described with clear intuition and plain language (even if also articulated with formal rigor, of course). Omri brought to the *JLS* the same emphasis on big ideas, theory-driven insights, and an embrace of empiricism that characterizes his own innovative and influential scholarship.

It has been a joy and privilege for us to serve as editors of the *JLS* with Omri Ben-Shahar. We miss him.