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The End of the Fortune 500 and the Rise of the 50,000 Everyman: An Examination of Corporate Political Activity in Political Elections Post-Citizens United

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Robert Leming

Honor Killings in Jordan and Pakistan

Keara O'Neill

Transnationalism as the Globalization of Capitalism and the Expansion of Social Networks in the Dominican Republic

Boris Santos

Demonstrating the Correlation between Tax Rates and Economies in Advanced Democracies

Nathaniel Seeskin

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Caitlin Treanor

LEGAL HISTORY AND POLITICAL THEORY

Political Expediency as the Source of Religious Tolerance in the Early Reformed Tradition

Russ Gasdia

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Michelle Grecco

16th Century Property Law: Comparison of England and France

Patrick Macmahon

Generational Differences: Interpreting The Prince

Jeff Raines

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Stephen Plascyk

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Voices of Justice: Informing the Public and Transforming America's Death Penalty

Emily Heltzel and Katherine VanLent

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Cristina Kladis

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