

Introduction to Empirical Note

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Three years after publishing its inaugural empirical issue, the *Northwestern University Law Review* is delighted to publish its first empirical student note in Volume 116, Issue 6. *Foreign Antisuit Injunctions and the Settlement Effect*, authored by *Law Review* member Connor Cohen (J.D. Candidate, 2022), uses insights from a novel database of cases to argue that a greater willingness by U.S. courts to grant foreign antisuit injunctions may help prevent abuse of international parallel proceedings. Connor's Note represents more than the publication of a worthy piece of student scholarship. It also launches the *Law Review's* empirical student note program, which will feature additional student contributions in future empirical issues.

Our empirical student note program has been a collaborative effort between the *Law Review's* Empirical and Notes teams in conception and execution. We have two goals for the program. First, to provide a platform for students to grapple with empirical methodologies and apply them to pressing legal issues. This effort follows naturally from one of our main goals in creating a dedicated empirical issue—to “create a space for empiricists themselves to take advantage of the law review format, including shorter publication timelines and the ability to reach audiences, such as courts and policymakers who may read law reviews but not disciplinary scholarship.”¹ Second, to diversify the landscape of empirical legal scholarship by adding students' voices to the pages of our empirical issue. This is an extension of our Notes team's mission to encourage and support *Law Review* members in making creative and diverse contributions to legal scholarship.

This Note's path from drafting to publication was in many ways an experiment. The Notes team brought Connor's promising empirical project to the attention of the Empirical team, and each voted to conditionally accept the piece for publication. From there, Connor's Note underwent the same rigorous review and editing process as our empirical articles. Most notably, we were privileged to receive in-depth reviews from three preeminent scholars who apply empirical methods to the study of civil procedure and international litigation.

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¹ Meredith R. Aska McBride, *Foreword*, 113 NW. U. L. REV. 941, 941 (2019).

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Connor's unyielding work ethic and academic rigor made him a perfect guinea pig, and we thank him for his patience as we developed not only a process to bring his work to our readers, but also a process that can be replicated by future student authors and *Law Review* editors. It is our pleasure to open the pages of the *Law Review's* dedicated empirical issue to a very deserving student author. And we look forward to working with many talented student empiricists in the coming years.