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of family law and family ethics that will stimulate and advance scholarship in the philosophy of law and social ethics.

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