

Foreword

Fifty Years

Congratulations to the *Ohio State Law Journal* upon its 50th anniversary. Except for a brief hiatus during World War II, the *Journal* has published regularly since 1935. It has served its purpose quite commendably during the period: the *Journal* has provided a valuable educational experience to many students and it has provided a forum for the publication of new and notable thoughts upon the legal problems that face our world.

As a teaching device the *Journal* has continually provided our best students an opportunity to hone their intellectual prowess. *Journal* members must work at a depth with their own research and writing that most students simply do not experience. Moreover, *Law Journal* participants receive a rigorous critique of their work by others that probes, and requires defense of, their thinking, their reasoning, and their writing. In addition, many of them engage in critique and editorial work on others' product. This is also a valuable learning experience.

The *Journal* process certainly produces finer lawyers. The successful careers, which are being pursued by many alumni of the *Ohio State Law Journal* in all fields of law and related activity demonstrate this. In corporate management, Martin Coyle, John Gushman, Gerald Office and Larry J. Van Fossen immediately come to mind. In judicial service, Robert Leach and William Thomas, both on the original Board of Editors, have had distinguished careers, as have Jack Day, William Drennan and Alba Whiteside. In private practice, of course, the list of success stories is too long to print here. In academia the list is perhaps headed by two of our own faculty, Bob Lynn and Stan Laughlin, but should certainly include my fellow dean, Josiah Blackmore. Finally, in public service, two individuals currently serving stand out—William Isaac, present chairman of the FDIC and, most prominently, Senator Howard Metzenbaum.

Law schools have tried over the years to find other devices to match the success of our law reviews in helping to put the important finishing touches on a well educated lawyer—without much success, I have to admit. This explains the proliferation in recent years of law reviews. Students, themselves, recognize the value of the experience and seek it in increasing numbers and dedication. Thus, here at Ohio State, as the *Journal* celebrates its 50th anniversary, a second student edited journal is beginning its life. The *Ohio State Alternative Dispute Resolution Journal* will publish its first issue at almost the same time this issue appears. We hope it has as successful a life as the *Ohio State Law Journal* has had.

The *Journal* has also shown its value to the scholarly community over the years by publishing many outstanding contributions to the legal literature of the day. Among the many noted authors have been Raoul Berger, Kingman Brewster, Jr., Paul Carrington, Jefferson Fordham, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, John Dawson, Boris Bittker, Harry Wellington, Judge Carl McGowan, Archibald Cox, John Cribbet, William Saxbe, Paul Freund, and Vern Countryman, to name a few. Two

symposia issues in the commercial law area stand out as very special contributions to the law: “Damages in Contract” appearing in the Spring Issue, Volume 20, 1959, and “Origins and Evolution: Drafters Reflect upon the Uniform Commercial Code,” Volume 43, 1982.

It has been a very good fifty years and all those students over the years who have made it possible can be justly proud, as we, the faculty and administration, are. Hopefully future students will continue to be dedicated to the high quality product and rewarding experience that the *Journal* represents, or perhaps they will seek even higher plateaus of achievement.

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