

AN EDITORIAL NOTE

The Board of Editors of the *Review* has often utilized the *Editorial Note* as a forum for the communication of ideas between the editors and subscribers regarding the intramural activities of the *Review*. Equally important, the *Editorial Note* provides the editors with a vehicle for the solicitation of aid, comments and suggestions from judges, law professors, practicing attorneys and students. To date, the response has been enthusiastic and it is anticipated that this interchange of correspondence will continue. To this end, the Board of Editors of Volume XII wishes to apprise its readers of a number of significant developments in the activity of the *Review*.

Early in the year, the Board of Editors decided to increase the *Review's* publication schedule from five to six issues annually. The decision to expand was made in response to the following considerations: first, to the increasingly favorable reaction within the legal community to recent issues of the *Review* and, second, to implement the recently established policy of extending the writing experience of the *Review* to a wider segment of the student community.

The expanded availability of the *Review* experience has been achieved primarily through the vehicle of a continuing writing competition. Because of the faculty decision to evaluate the first-year class on a pass-fail basis, for one year only, this year marks the first time in the twelve-year history of the *Review* that staff membership was determined solely by the submission of scholarly articles to an Evaluation Committee comprised of past and present editors. The writing competition includes a Contributor Program for both second and third-year students. This program affords an upperclassman an opportunity to develop at length an area of the law in which he has become interested and familiar during his law school career. Additionally, the Contributor Program is designed to operate in conjunction with the courses offered at the law school. Thus, the student is given the opportunity to pursue a topic of his own interest for publication in the *Review* while, at the same time, gleaning the benefits of professorial guidance and expertise.

It must also be noted that the increased participation of the student community in publishing six issues has been matched by the many subscribers and past members of the *Review* who have, in recent months, submitted a number of unsolicited manuscripts and topics for publication. The Board of Editors views this development as an encouraging indication of the legal community's interest in and esteem for the *Review*. It is hoped that this practice will continue in the future. The Board of Editors also wishes to express its appreciation to those past

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editors who devoted the considerable amount of time necessary to evaluate the manuscripts submitted during the writing competition.

Finally, the Board of Editors wishes to express its deep appreciation to Professor David Carroll of the law school faculty who, despite his untiring efforts on behalf of the student body and his genuine concern for the overall operation of the *Review*, nevertheless, invested the time and effort necessary to produce the excellent article contained in these pages.

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