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## Editor's Comments

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This issue marks the completion of three full years of publication. As in the case of most publications, this *Journal* has experienced various growing pains, not the least of which has been in meeting publication dates. I am proud to report that the *Journal of the ASQDE* is close to meeting established target publication dates.

Janis Winchester, as the first Editor, instituted a high standard for the content and appearance of the *Journal of the ASQDE*. The editorial and managerial abilities of Ms. Winchester have indeed been a primary factor in the successful publication we have today. Our Executive Assistant, Nanette Davis, has been the glue that has kept all aspects of the publication process together and moving forward. As interim Editors, Jerry Brown and I have attempted to maintain the high publication standards conceived and implemented by Ms. Winchester. Beginning with the first *Journal* issue of 2001 (Volume 4, No. 1), Farrell Shiver becomes the *Journal* Editor.

Since the June 1998 inaugural edition was published, interest in the *Journal* has increased worldwide. We currently have agency and individual subscribers from all over the globe. All Forensic Document Examiners are encouraged to submit technical articles, research papers, and even substantive "I had a case" papers for publication consideration in this peer-reviewed *Journal*. It is important when submitting papers for publication that they be in the proper format. Please refer to the Instructions for Authors information on page 103 of this issue and visit the ASQDE home page on the internet at [www.asqde.org](http://www.asqde.org) for additional information on past issues and access to on-line subscription forms.

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