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EDITOR'S NOTES

WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

Just as in the development of the law, so in the development of a Law Review the past has a major impact on the future. As the Editorial Board for Volume 45 completes its work it is appropriate to reflect upon the changes introduced this year and to allow our readers to judge the potential for improvement.

Content: The WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW serves at least three basic types of users: students, practitioners, and professors of the law. No one of these should find the REVIEW beyond his interests, nor should the REVIEW serve only one of these groups over a volume. We have attempted to present materials ranging from philosophical to "how to do it", and have focused on international as well as local topics. We hope that we have met our goal of presenting some material of interest to each of our basic users, and that the REVIEW will continue to merit the support of all its readers.

Selection of Members: Recognizing that there were some inequities in the Law School grading system in force during the school years 1968-69 and 1969-70, the Board of Editors restored to practice what has always been announced in principle—regular selection of several members from the second year class to serve during their third year. This practice has been continued by the Editorial Board for Volume 46.

In addition, we experimented with a competition for up to twenty positions on the Editorial Staff. Members of the first year class who were not selected on the basis of class rank, but who ranked in the top-third of their class, were invited to submit a first draft of a case-note within thirty days after the start of fall quarter. Of this group, ten members, in addition to eighteen invited on the traditional basis, joined our staff.

Due to changes in the Law School grading system for 1969-70 the Editorial Board for Volume 46 will conduct an open competition for Editorial Staff membership. Selection criteria will be confined to an evaluation of contribution and performance.

Frequency of issues: In cooperation with the Editorial Board of Volume 44 we revamped the REVIEW's production schedule and restored the schedule to four issues per school year. Volume 45 was entirely edited by one editorial board, as Volume 46 will be. In addition to the four issues of Volume 45, we issued a cumulative index to Volumes 40-44.

Acknowledgments: At the completion of our work, we understand more clearly the contributions of those Editorial Boards which have preceded us. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Jonathan A. Eddy, Editor-in-Chief, Volume 44, and his colleagues, who had the patience to indoctrinate us into the quest for excellence for the WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW. We hope that we have proved worthy stewards of their trust.

We are most appreciative of the special assistance and counsel received from Professors Richard O. Kummert and Marian G. Gallagher; without it we would never have attempted some of the changes we undertook. We would have been unsuccessful at implementing most of these changes without the patient cooperation of Margaret Darrow, our Administrative Assistant.

We are indebted to Mr. James C. Fowler and his colleagues at the Heffernan Press for their able assistance in returning the REVIEW to a reasonable production schedule. They are specialists in Law Review printing and their attention to detail has been most gratifying.

The Editorial Board for Volume 46: We wish to thank the members of our staff who are now the Editorial Board for Volume 46. They have selected Mr. Steven S. Anderson as their Editor in Chief. He has announced that Mr. Thomas N. Bucknell and Mr. James M. Danielson will serve as Executive Editors. Also named to REVIEW offices were: Mr. Donald P. Swisher, Managing Editor; Mr. Earl R. McGimpsey, Articles Editor; Mr. Kenneth L. Cornell and Mr. Richard E. Salwen, Casenote Editors; Mr. Joseph P. Dawson and Mr. David A. Nichols, Comments Editors; and Mr. Charles R. Ekberg, Book Review Editor. We wish all the members of the Editorial Board of Volume 46 the best of success in the coming year.

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Editor in Chief

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