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From Associate Dean Michele Gilligan:

Because my letters to you will be appearing frequently as the *Law Forum* staff perseveres to make the publication current, I will keep my comments focused on the School's publication activities.

First of all, I must send thanks to Paul Champion and John Gray, authors of the articles in volume 22.2, for their patience. They submitted their works to the *Law Forum* during a very chaotic time. The school faced a volatile budgeting process during lean times. Furthermore, the editors of Volume 22 made the decision to purchase a desk top publishing system with which the journal could save money. This move had some substantial short-term consequences, but will prove to be a profitable decision in the long-term. Combine the budget hysteria with the publication process changes, and we found ourselves with a bottle neck in progress.

Thanks to a hardworking staff, Volume 22 is near completion. Volume 23 is well on its way. Hopefully with the passing of the colors to succeeding staffs, the *Law Forum* will enhance its effectiveness in being a publication from which the Maryland legal community can derive great benefit.

Of course, the *Law Forum's* future success depends in part on article submissions. We invite efforts by anyone who believes they have something to offer our approximately 9,000 readers - Maryland lawyers, alumni, and over 200 law libraries across the nation and in Canada. As an interesting sidenote: we presently are sending issues of the *Law Forum* to the East and Central Europe Journal Donation Project.

In addition to the efforts to get the *Law Forum* up to speed, I feel compelled to mention that the current staff of the *University of Baltimore Law Review* is making ground on an intimidating backlog. The 1992-1993 academic year has seen the publication of two full volumes. Other issues will soon follow.

Once again, I thank the authors for their patience. I also thank you, the reader, for the same.

From Editor-In-Chief Bill Atkins:

As Dean Gilligan mentioned, we have made some changes to the procedure with which we meet our responsibilities as editors. Unfortunately, these changes and our getting use to them created a backlog. I therefore extend my deep appreciation to a number of people. First of all, I thank the authors of the articles in this issue and those of the future. The delay in publication may have taken something from the impact of their articles, but their patience and cooperation were vital to the publication process. Secondly, I must thank Mike Malone, my Assistant Articles Editor, who spent a great deal of his post-graduation time to help the Volume 23 Staff complete the articles for this issue. Third, I thank the Volume 23 Staff which succeeded mine. The Staff's commitment to "learning the ropes" and tying up the loose ends it inherited has been undaunted. Lastly, I have to thank you for patience in receiving our three issues.

As a relative newcomer to the Maryland legal community, I feel as if our state and its practitioners have much to contribute to the *Law Forum*. I encourage everyone to do so, not with the certainty that your efforts will be published, but as part of the University of Baltimore School of Law community. I can guarantee a helpful staff and, very soon, a current publication which will optimize the impact of your publishable efforts.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you.