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From Associate Dean Michele Gilligan:

We are pleased to present another quality issue of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum*. I extend my thanks to the articles' authors, Alan Belsky and Damian Halstad, for their patience and cooperation.

One of the University's notable special resources is the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics. The Center is dedicated to promoting discussion on ethical issues surrounding various professions, including the legal profession. The Law Faculty Committee on Ethics uses some of the Center's resources to sponsor a yearly writing competition, the subject of which is lawyers' ethics and professional responsibility. During the 1988-89 academic year, Julia Evans won the first Hoffberger Prize for the best paper on lawyers' ethics and professional responsibility. The Law Faculty Committee on Ethics chose Mr. Belsky's paper as the winning entry during the 1990-91 academic year.

At the inception of the writing competition, the Law Faculty Committee on Ethics came to an agreement with the *Law Forum* and its faculty advisors to publish the Hoffberger Prize winning papers. The competition has proven to be a valuable resource to the Staff of the *Law Forum* in its pursuit of articles which will be of interest to the Maryland legal community.

Mr. Belsky was kind enough to update his winning paper to include the latest developments in the area of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 sanctions. His article provides an interesting perspective of the sanctions and their disparate application between plaintiff and defense attorneys. With revisions to the rule coming down the pike, we are sure that you will find Mr. Belsky's analysis timely and thought provoking.

Mr. Halstad submitted his article to us during the summer of 1992. Even though it is not a typical legal research effort, his article highlights Jerome Frank's uncanny ability to predict problems we presently face in the legal community. Above and beyond its entertaining content and smooth flow, Mr. Halstad's article evidences the variety of writing styles and broad range of topics for articles which we seek to publish in the *Law Forum*.

If you care to comment on Mr. Belsky's and Mr. Halstad's articles, or anything in the issues of the *Law Forum* for that matter, I encourage you to respond. The Staff is always eager to review any articles submitted for publication.

From Editor-In-Chief Bill Atkins:

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for the legal community to interact with The University of Baltimore School of Law. The *Law Forum* provides an excellent opportunity for lawyers, students, and faculty to do so.

Despite their busy schedules, Mr. Belsky and Mr. Halstad made tremendous contributions to the *Law Forum*. We appreciate their enthusiasm, cooperation and patience. In the same vein, I invite anyone to submit comments on the contents in this issue. Such efforts will maintain *Law Forum*'s reputation as an accessible forum for discussion regarding the countless interesting issues surrounding our legal community.

With regard to the ongoing efforts to bring the *Law Forum* up to speed, I thank the Volume 23 Staff for completing my volume. This issue is another illustration of the commitment the members have shown in attaining the desk-top publishing expertise that is necessary for producing a quality journal with limited monetary resources.