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or staff, or the University of Baltimore School of Law.

As usual, the editors of the *Law Forum* have put together a very interesting and informative issue. I recommend the entire issue to you. I am particularly pleased that this issue includes the very thoughtful and inspiring remarks that Peter G. Angelos made at the Commencement Ceremony of the Class of 1996, at which Mr. Angelos also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Baltimore.

I would like to take this opportunity to report to you on some of the most significant developments that have occurred at the School of Law over the past year.

The planned restructuring of the Law School entering class went well. As predicted, applications again declined, both nationally and at UB, to about the levels of the mid-1980s, and applications for the part-time program declined more substantially than for the full-time program. Because of the plan to reduce somewhat the evening entering class and increase slightly the day class, the Law School was prepared. The actual entering class of 86 evening and 224 day students even exceeded the planned enrollment, and the Fall 1996 entering class is essentially the same size as last fall's class but somewhat smaller than those we had been admitting for a few years. At the same time, the median credentials of the class remain strong.

The Law School's site evaluation visit from the ABA and the Association of American Law Schools this fall also went very well. While the team's final report will not be received until the middle of this semester, I was particularly pleased to hear the team at their meeting with me praise the quality of the faculty's teaching and the excellent involvement of our students in their classes. This team of excellent law teachers and deans, a federal judge and a university administrator validated my own judgments about the strength of our educational program, and they reinforced what we are regularly hearing from judges and attorneys who employ our graduates: The School of Law is doing an excellent job in preparing our students for the challenges of law practice.

In December, 1996, Professor Byron Warnken argued a significant criminal procedure case before the United States Supreme Court. Appearing without fee, Professor Warnken represented an indigent criminal defendant in a case in which the issue was whether a police officer who stopped a car for speeding was justified in ordering a passenger to exit the car without having any additional basis to suspect that the passenger had committed an offense or constituted a danger to the officer. The case is one of the most significant criminal procedure cases that the Supreme Court will hear this term, as indicated by the fact that both Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran and United States Attorney General Janet Reno argued the other side of the case.

The Center for International and Comparative Law is having another excellent year. This fall, the Center hosted a group of professionals from the Peoples' Republic of China for a six-week program, coordinated by Professor Eric Easton, on the protection of intellectual property. This coming March, the Center will sponsor a major Symposium on International Commercial Law Developments. The Symposium will feature Professors E. Allan Farnsworth of Columbia University and Peter Winship of Southern Methodist University, faculty from UB and the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, and leading international commercial law practitioners from the Baltimore and Washington areas.

On behalf of the entire faculty and student body, I want to thank each of our alumni for their continued strong interest in and support of the School of Law. We could not achieve the progress that we have, or reach the ambitious objectives that we have set for the school, without your help.

John A. Sebert
Dean and Professor of Law



Letter From The Editor-In-Chief

The *Law Forum* proudly presents Volume 27.1 of the journal. This issue once again reflects the accomplishments of University of Baltimore graduates and students. Furthermore, it will interest our *Law Forum* readers to note that all of the written works in this issue were completed by University of Baltimore graduates and students.

Special thanks must be given to the entire staff for their hard work and diligence in producing this issue. In addition, a special note of appreciation is also extended to Nikhil Divecha, Director of Finance and Administration, and Professor Lande, for their steadfast support of the journal.

I apologize to the authors of the articles in this issue and to our *Law Forum* readers for any delay in publication. This year, because of budgetary cuts within the School of Law, the *Law Forum* is only permitted to produce two of its customary three issues. In order to meet the challenges of this budgetary setback and still produce a quality publication, the summer and fall issues were merged together to form Volume 27.1. We expect that as the budget situation improves, the *Law Forum*'s publication schedule will return to normal.

The articles in Volume 27.1 have an administrative law theme. In the first article, Jeffrey Utermohle discusses the role of the Office of Administrative Hearings and offers practical advice for attorneys practicing administrative law in Maryland. In the second article, Roy Brenner writes an interesting piece on the hearsay rules of evidence as they pertain to federal administrative adjudications.

In the Forum Faces section, the *Law Forum* is pleased to honor Peter G. Angelos. As an accomplished graduate of the School of Law, Mr. Angelos addressed the Graduating Class of 1996. His inspiring remarks, as given during the Spring Commencement Ceremony, are reproduced for the benefit of all to read. Finally, the Recent Developments section continues to provide a timely synopsis of important decisions impacting the Maryland legal community.

In late October, a report on the *Law Forum* and a questionnaire was mailed to hundreds of alumni. We appreciated all the feedback we received. Unfortunately, because of the costs involved, we were unable to send out reports and questionnaires to all of our readers. For those interested in receiving a report please contact us at (410) 837-4493 and a copy of the report will be sent to you. Comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

Lastly, through the unending efforts of Skip Pritchard, Editor-in-Chief for Volume 26, the *Law Forum* is slowly but surely becoming available on Lexis®-Nexis®. Thanks Skip and congratulations on your new position as a Lexis®-Nexis® representative.

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