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

Congratulations to *The Law Forum Journal* editors and staff on another excellent issue. The topics are varied, and I am sure that each of our readers will find a number of items that are interesting and important to them. There are a few important items of news that I wanted to share with you.

Paula Russo Baig has joined the Law School staff as Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid. Dean Baig was enthusiastically recommended by the search committee comprised of Professor Donald Stone (Chair), Professor Jane Schukoske, Assistant Dean Karen Hammer, and student members Claude deVastey and Bill Jones for this important position, and I fully concurred with their recommendation. I am confident that she will provide excellent leadership for our Admissions Office.



Dean Baig comes to us with impressive academic credentials. Her undergraduate degree (*magna cum laude*) is from Princeton, and her law degree (*cum laude*) is from Harvard. She also has done graduate study in Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard, and while there she did extensive pre-law advising. Paula is a native of Baltimore, and worked one summer for Semmes, Bowen and Semmes. She says that her new position fulfills her goals of being in higher education administration and in Baltimore.

Professor Michael Hayes will be joining the law faculty in August. Professor Hayes is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was articles editor of the *Virginia Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif. He spent a year as counsel to a member of the National Labor Relations Board and then practiced labor and employment law for six years with a Washington, D.C., firm. For the past three years he has been teaching at Southern Illinois University School of Law, and he won the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award in 1997. Professor Hayes will be teaching Labor Law, Employment Law, Employment Discrimination, and skills courses such as Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling.

The School of Law Commencement speaker this year will be the **Honorable Martha F. Rasin, Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland**. Judge Rasin is a 1981 graduate of the Law School. After seven years of private practice in Annapolis, she was appointed to the district court bench in 1988. In 1996, she was appointed Chief Judge of the District Court. We are honored to have Judge Rasin as our Commencement speaker this year. The exercises will be held on Sunday, May 24, at 2 p.m. at the Lyric Opera House.

John A. Sebert
Dean and Professor of Law

It is with great pleasure that we present Volume 28, Issue Number 1 of *The Law Forum Journal*. As the University of Baltimore's oldest legal publication, the journal continues its mission of providing timely, informative and provocative articles and commentary. It has been my objective to make *The Law Forum Journal* a full-service source of information to practitioners, scholars and jurists in Maryland and beyond.

As always, our talented staff of editors have compiled several "hot-button" cases for our **Recent Developments** section. These decisions are sure to change the landscape of Maryland law and evoke debate and discussion for many years to come. I am also pleased to announce that we have expanded the Recent Developments section to include administrative agency actions and Attorney General's opinions. We are extremely excited about these features and hope you find them to be useful and informative. From a practical standpoint, our Recent Developments section now provides practitioners with an excellent tool with which to act quickly and decisively.

Our **Articles** section contains an exhaustive analysis by **Lisa Cuozzo** as to whether Maryland Rule 704(b) is fair to the criminal defendant who advances an insanity defense. University of Baltimore School of Law Professor Lynn McLain, who literally "wrote the book" on Maryland evidence, called this piece "excellent."

In a special feature in this Issue, we revisit a pivotal constitutional issue decided by the United States Supreme Court last term. In *Maryland v. Wilson*, 117 S. Ct. 882 (1997) (See Recent Developments, 27.2 U.Balt. L.F. 73), the justices held that a police officer may order a passenger out of a lawfully stopped vehicle on the officer's articulable suspicion of possible danger. Two of Maryland's legal heavyweights, Attorney General and University of Baltimore alumnus **J. Joseph Curran, Jr.** and University of Baltimore Law Professor **Byron L. Warnken** went head-to-head at oral argument in this case and now share their unique insights in a sort of "game film" review of one of the most closely watched cases of the term. What went right? What went wrong? What would they have done differently? What would you have done?

Our **Forum Faces** features a short profile on the **Honorable Robert M. Bell**, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals. Judge Bell delivered the 1997 School of Law Commencement Address, excerpts of which are reprinted in the **Commentary** section of this Issue. Judge Bell's stirring words serve to remind us all about the special responsibilities lawyers have to the profession and to the community.

Finally, I would like to thank Associate Dean Steven A.G. Davison and Ms. Leslie Metzger, Assistant Director of Student Support and Special Events, for their support of *The Law Forum Journal's* initiatives. Also, on behalf of the Volume 28 Editorial Board and staff, I wish to extend greetings and thanks to my predecessor, Pinelopi Makrodimitris, Esquire, and the members of the Volume 27 Editorial Board for leaving us a sound and thriving operation.

Reginald L. Smith
Editor-In-Chief