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As I write this, we are preparing to welcome the Fall 1998 entering class. This year's class is almost exactly the size of the Fall 1997 class, with a total of about 300 entering students. About 88 of those are entering our evening division, and about 212 will be in the day program. As has been true for many years, the class is both well qualified and diverse. Over half of the entering students are women, and about a quarter are persons of color.



This year we have 45 full-time faculty members, and we continue to have the benefit of a large number of excellent judges and attorneys who serve as adjunct faculty. As I mentioned in the last issue of *The Law Forum Journal*, our newest faculty member this year is Professor Michael Hayes, who joins us after having practiced labor and employment law in Washington, D.C., and having taught at Southern Illinois University School of Law. Professor Hayes will be teaching Labor Law, Employment Discrimination, Employment Law, and Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling.

The educational program of the Legal Clinics continues to be enhanced by the work of Clinical Fellows, who teach and supervise students in some clinics. This year Ngai Pindell returns for his second year as the Fellow in the Community Development Clinic. We welcome Marguerite Angelari, the new fellow in the Family Law Clinic, and Michele Gilman, who joins our Civil Clinic.

A major landmark for us this year is the establishment of the first two endowed professorships at the School of Law. The Venable Professorship has been established by a generous commitment from the firm of Venable, LLP, and a generous gift from Peter G. Angelos has established the Dean Julius Isaacson Professorship, named in honor of the man who served as Dean of one of our predecessor schools, Mount Vernon School of Law, from 1954 to 1970. In recognition of their outstanding teaching, scholarship and service, Professor Robert Lande has been named the Venable Professor of Law and Professor Steven Grossman is the first Dean Julius Isaacson Professor of Law.

Let me close by expressing my appreciation for the excellent work that Reginald Smith and the rest of the Editorial Board for Volume 28 have done. We thank them for their fine efforts, and we congratulate the Editorial Board for Volume 29, led by Editor-in-Chief Greg Jimeno, upon their selection.

John A. Sebert
Dean and Professor of Law

This is an abbreviated issue of the *Law Forum Journal* and is the final issue under the direction of the Volume 28 Editorial Board. We now place things into the very capable hands of Volume 29 Editor-In-Chief Gregory Jimeno and his fine staff. We wish you much success, and remember that there *is* light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully, it is not an oncoming train.

Last issue, the *Law Forum Journal* was expanded to include opinions of the Maryland Attorney General and administrative agency decisions en route to achieving our goal of becoming a full-service resource of legal information for practitioners, judges and scholars. Under the leadership of Assistant Recent Developments Editor Jayci Shaw Duncan and Assistant Articles Editor Colleen Halloran, respectively, these new features were very well received. And now, after a four-year hiatus, The *Law Forum Journal* resumes its reporting of recently enacted legislation by the Maryland General Assembly. See the "Maryland General Assembly Update" in the Recent Developments section.

You will also remember that we unveiled a new feature in the Articles section called "Monday Morning Quarterback" to bring you the law in practice viewed from the perspective of prominent Maryland lawyers. Opposing counsel participating in a recent Maryland case lend their thoughts as to tactics used, what worked (or what did not) and what advice they would proffer in future cases. The *Law Forum Journal* welcomes the opportunity to have practitioners share their experiences with us so that we may in turn share them with our readers. Feel free to contact the Articles Editor if you would like to contribute.

Speaking of articles, Irene Dey has a slight problem with drug courier profiling, and she tells you exactly why in this issue. Her thorough and thought-provoking analysis comes at a critical time when many states -- Maryland among them -- are being forced to reevaluate how they identify potential narcotics suspects. Do *you* fit the profile?

The *Law Forum Journal's* "bread and butter" of course are its Recent Developments case summaries. We temporarily departed from our typical ten- to fifteen cases last issue to devote more resources to the new features described above. In this issue however, Recent Developments Editor Shannon McClellan brings us back to our usual numbers with a keen eye for several compelling cases.

Putting together this or any legal journal necessarily depends on the hard work and diligence of a dedicated team, the sum of which is only as good as its parts. I would be derelict if I did not extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the *The Law Forum Journal*, particularly Manuscripts Editor Karen L. Stermer, Business Editor Tonja Curry, Production Editor Doug May and Articles Editor Jennifer Moss. Also, if there were an "MVP" Award, one each would almost certainly go to Managing Editor Cheryl Gordon, Associate Editor Amy B. Tate and Staff Editor Natasha Wrae for service "above and beyond." On the Administration side, we thank Finance Director Nik Divecha and congratulate Professor Robert Lande, our Faculty Advisor, in being named Venable Professor of Law. It has been a privilege working with all of you.

We are living in extraordinary times, where the law changes right before our eyes. Count on The *Law Forum Journal* to be at the forefront of review and comment.

Reginald L. Smith
Editor-In-Chief