Welcome to the Fall 2013 issue of the University of Baltimore’s Law Forum.

When the editors of the Law Forum asked me to offer an introduction to this issue, I was delighted to take the opportunity to tell you how proud I am of this journal and the law students who publish it.

Since its inception in 1970, the Law Forum has been an important resource for lawyers and the larger legal community in Maryland, providing insight and information about trends shaping the practice of law in our state. The students who work on this journal – chosen for their academic distinction and advanced legal skills – take seriously their responsibility to uphold the Law Forum’s longstanding reputation for excellence.

The Law Forum is one of the important ways that the School of Law is involved in the world around us. But perhaps the most vivid manifestation of our role in the community is the new John and Frances Angelos Law Center – a dazzling structure that is utterly transparent. Interior doors and walls are made of glass, and large windows throughout the structure ensure that the surrounding community is ever-present and part of our school.

The new building symbolizes the legal education offered inside of it. It is contemporary, practical, environmentally conscious and technologically sophisticated. In every respect it is built for the legal profession of the future.

Please enjoy this issue of the Law Forum, and please stop in to see us in our vibrant new home. On a nice day, you can stand on the ground level and see bright sunshine through the top of our 12-story-high atrium. At the University of Baltimore School of Law, the sky’s the limit.

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