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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To Our Readers:

It is with great pride that the Editorial Board of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum*, Vol. 46 presents the second issue of the 2015-2016 academic year.

The *University of Baltimore Law Forum* is so valuable to the University of Baltimore School of Law, where most J.D. graduates go on to practice in the State of Maryland. Of the four student-organized journals at the School of Law, the *Law Forum* is the only publication dedicated to Maryland law.

The *Law Forum* has evolved immensely since its inception in 1970. The journal began as a student newspaper of sorts – a place where law students, law faculty, and the Maryland legal community could turn to read, advertise, and publish thoughts and ideas relevant to Maryland law. Almost fifty years later, in 2016, the *Law Forum* remains dedicated to serving the Maryland legal community, but has taken on a slightly different, more specialized role in Maryland legal scholarship.

The *Law Forum* has always, however, sought to answer the most critical questions swirling around our legal community. We work to accomplish this in three ways. First, we select a number of recent cases out of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, which affect the practice of Maryland lawyers on a daily basis, and boil them down into short, recent development pieces. Second, the *Law Forum* publishes a selection of student comments, which are written on topics spanning the legal profession. *Law Forum* student comments identify critical Maryland issues and propose viable solutions. Finally, we publish articles submitted by Maryland practitioners who seek an opportunity to showcase their work in a practical Maryland legal publication.

In this issue, the *Law Forum* is honored to share a special tribute to the first Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland, the late Honorable Robert F. Sweeney written by the Honorable John P. Morrissey '89, with the help of his law clerk, Lauren Kitzmiller '14. The tribute chronicles how the district court came to be and the lasting impact Judge Sweeney has on the district court's function.

I am extremely proud to have served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum*. This experience has taught me many things; most significantly, I learned the importance of collaboration and teamwork. I want to thank the Editorial Board, Associate Editors, and Staff Editors for their unwavering commitment to the publication of this journal during the 2015-2016 academic year. I look forward to reading issues of the *Law Forum* for years to come.

Sincerely,

Patrick F. Toohey
Editor-in-Chief
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