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EDITOR'S PAGE

As the new editor-in-chief of the *West Virginia Law Review*, I realize that I am just one in a long line of editors who have had and will have the opportunity to manage the review for one year. The work of my fellow members and myself in making Volume 84 is only one episode in the review's 84 year history. Yet each volume, because of the review's yearly turnover, has its own identity. These individual identities, held together by the review's traditions and purpose, are what make the *West Virginia Law Review* the publication that it is.

In the past few years, the editorial boards have initiated several changes. All changes were made with the purpose of making the review a better publication. These changes have encompassed such things as the dedication of the fourth issue of each volume to the examination of the legal impact that coal has upon the nation, an increase in the number of pages published yearly, and the addition of a fourth circuit survey. These changes were implemented with regard to the review's central purpose, which is to provide the legal community a critical commentary on the current state of the law.

After the most careful consideration, the editorial board of Volume 84 has initiated a few of its own changes. These changes, which will become more apparent in the later issues, have been made so that the review can continue to develop as a viable legal periodical. These changes include: establishing a better balance between the number of student articles and lead articles; providing a broader range of lead authors; publishing student comments on important decisions decided in other states; and making the West Virginia and federal surveys more thematic in their discussion of the changes in the state of the law. The editorial board and staff of Volume 84 believe that these changes, giving Volume 84 its identity, will contribute to the continual development of the *West Virginia Law Review*.

With the publication of this issue I have come to realize that hard work by a few can produce much. Special credit for the publication of this issue must be given to Debra Archer, Michael Weber, and Martin Harrell. Their labors throughout the summer were instrumental not only in the publication of this issue but also in laying the groundwork for the four subsequent issues of this volume. I thank them and the rest of the board who devoted their time and effort to this issue.

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Editor-in-Chief

