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EDITOR'S PAGE

The West Virginia College of Law is entering a promising era of growth and development under the leadership of a new dean — E. Gordon Gee. Under this leadership, the College of Law will undoubtedly rise to prominence. So too is the *West Virginia Law Review* entering a new era. Due to the efforts of then acting dean, Henry Collins, our advisor, Alfred Neely, and the members of Volume 81, the Law Review no longer has a publication backlog and will be published on schedule. Across the state, there has been a groundswell of support for the Law Review as evidenced by the recent establishment of the West Virginia Law Review Association. Our *National Coal Issue* has received nationwide acclaim as have many of our recent articles. Finally, there pervades a sense of unity and pride among the members of the Law Review which can only result in the publication of a timely, quality law review.

In regards to this Issue, its timely publication could not have been achieved without the efforts of the Student Note Editors, Carl Fletcher, Kathy Duffield, Betsy Steinfeld, and Joan Van Tol; the Lead Articles Editors, Ellen Cappellanti and Russ Ethridge; and the Research Editor, Ron Musser. Each contributed long, tedious hours this summer readying the material for Issue 1 and deserve recognition for their efforts. As important as the contributions of the aforementioned people were to this Issue, its timely publication could not have been accomplished without the endless hours devoted this summer by Vicki Obenchain Tucker, Managing Editor. The entire Law Review is deeply indebted to her for this effort.

Finally, I would like to add a personal note of sincere appreciation to an often forgotten group of individuals who have and will sacrifice a great deal for the Law Review, the spouses and “significant others” of the members of the members of the Law Review. Their understanding, patience, and sacrifice have made the stress and pressure of publishing the Law Review bearable and each deserves a tribute for their contributions.

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