Editor's Page

In recent years the West Virginia Law Review has been hindered by a publication backlog. However, with the distribution of Issue Four scheduled for the near future, it now appears that next year's staff can resume a regular publication schedule. Although this could not have been achieved without many hours of hard work on the part of the members and candidates, it also could not have been accomplished without the increased financial support received this year. The value of any law review is dependent not only upon its ability to publish articles which are relevant to its readers but those which are timely as well. It is paramount, therefore, that the West Virginia Law Review continue to be sufficiently funded such that it can be published on a regular basis.

In relation to this year's efforts, we feel there have been several positive developments concerning the Review. As announced in Issue One, this year witnessed the formation of the West Virginia Law Review Association. This organization will be very beneficial in the ongoing improvement of the Law Review. Moreover, in our continuing endeavor to serve the West Virginia practitioner, we are introducing a Statistical Analysis of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in Issue Three. When read in conjunction with the Survey of Developments, the practitioner will hopefully receive a more complete picture of the court's decisions. Furthermore, we are very pleased by the public attention received by the recently published workmen's compensation article. It is our belief that the Review should not only be a forum for instructional and educational articles but those which present controversial viewpoints as well. We encourage authors to make use of the Review for such purposes in the future. And finally, we are very excited about the forthcoming National Coal Issue which promises to be a comprehensive and very useful discussion of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. A subscription drive undertaken to reach a national audience for the Coal Issue has been most successful. We believe that these developments will help the West Virginia Law Review to continue to move in a positive direction.

On a personal note I wish to thank all of the members and candidates who put forth the extra effort required this year to publish the Review. Although trying at times, I think we can all take pride in our efforts and in the quality of our product.

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