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EDITOR'S PAGE

Volume 79 of the West Virginia Law Review marks the return of the publication to a complete subscription basis and is the first volume of the Law Review to exceed the 1000 mark in paid subscriptions. When the Law Review was forced to discontinue its distribution to West Virginia practitioners through the Voluntary Bar, it was feared that many attorneys would fail to receive the benefits of our publication. The level of subscriptions for Volume 78 was encouraging, but the staff of Volume 79 felt that a renewed effort to increase our West Virginia circulation was needed. We therefore embarked on a new solicitation drive, and I am proud to announce that we increased our subscriptions from West Virginia practitioners by sixty percent. The Law Review now directly reaches at least thirty-three percent of the state's attorneys and indirectly reaches many more within firms and through other shared libraries.

The Law Review is always in need of relevant lead articles from the community it serves best—the West Virginia practitioners. Since assuming the duties of Editor-In-Chief of the Law Review, the complaint I most often hear is that the Law Review does not publish enough material of interest to West Virginians. I believe you will discover that the student material in Volume 79 challenges this complaint, but the staff of the Law Review has little control over the topic selection for lead articles. To meet completely our major criticism, we need more lead articles from those of you familiar with the concerns of the West Virginia attorney.

You will note that the two lead articles in this particular issue of Volume 79 were written by a West Virginia Justice and a West Virginia practitioner. This demonstrates the spirit of cooperation needed to improve our service to you.

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