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This year the West Virginia Law Review begins its seventy-eighth year of publication, and its second year of publication from the new Law Center. More than forty five students at the College of Law contribute to the publication of each issue of the Law Review. Together, we are endeavoring to maintain the Law Review's outstanding reputation as a forum for the discussion and analysis of the law in general and West Virginia related law in particular. It is our goal to have the Law Review take an active part in the development of the law in West Virginia.

Funding continues to be a problem for the West Virginia Law Review. In addition to raising money for publication of the Law Review, funding needs to be developed for the employment of a part time secretary and for the retention of a part time staff throughout the summer.

Beginning with Volume 78 the Law Review will be distributed on a subscription basis at a cost of ten dollars per year. Financial considerations have prohibited the traditional method of distribution through the Voluntary Bar. We elicit your support in this new undertaking.

We are making continuing efforts to improve the quality of the Law Review. Important innovations this year deal mainly with the Law Review's internal structure. We have added to our staff a Research Editor whose function it is to seek new and important cases and topics for discussion. The Research Editor is also responsible for developing new styles and types of articles to be presented in the Law Review. Additionally, we are organizing a Law Review Operations Manual which will serve as an operational guide for future Law Review staffs.

The Law Review is constantly seeking new cases and topics for discussion. We are particularly interested in having practicing lawyers and judges suggest topics or cases for consideration. Likewise, the members of the Law Review are interested in considering articles for publication which are written by practicing lawyers and judges in our state. The general unwillingness of the practicing members of the West Virginia bar to write for the Law Review has been a source of great disappointment in the past. We need your help in this area.

The Law Review has a long tradition of service to the West Virginia bar. Its utility to the West Virginia practitioner remains unequaled by any other publication. In order to preserve this high standard we invite and, indeed, urge your critical comments, recommendations, and suggestions as to how we can improve the West Virginia Law Review.

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