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Continuing efforts are being made to improve the quality of the West Virginia Law Review. Important improvements this year deal mainly with the Law Review's function as a valuable research tool for the practicing lawyers and judges. Illustrative of the desire to enhance the Law Review's utility in this respect has been the emphasis placed on the use of substantive footnotes. Student writers are encouraged to list the basic source material they utilized in their research, such as treatises and law reviews. In addition to learning of a crucial rule in the regular text of a note or comment, the reader may often be lead to an analogous situation presented in a footnote which is more closely related to his particular problem. Moreover, extensive use of substantive footnotes presents an opportunity for the writer to more thoroughly examine an issue which could not be properly treated in the regular text.

Elections were recently held to choose the Editor-in-Chief for Volume 72 of the West Virginia Law Review. Joseph R. Goodwin of Ripley was elected. Mr. Goodwin will soon announce the names of the associate editors who will make up the editorial board. The announcement will be made at the Law Review's annual spring banquet.

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Editor-in-Chief