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One hundred years of existence is a milestone—whether it be a human life or the life of an institution such as the Duquesne University School of Law. It is fitting that the Duquesne Law Review celebrate and recognize this milestone by publishing this centennial issue reflecting on the past, present and future of the Duquesne University School of Law. The past is a reflection of hope. The Law School grew from a small night school and matured into the present vibrant law school, with day and night divisions, that is internationally recognized and graduates outstanding lawyers, who practice around the world. The future is always an unknown, but with the strides that have been made over the last century there are no limits to the achievement of academic excellence by our Law School or the amount of accomplishments of our graduates. One only has to look at the Law School’s legal writing program, which is nationally recognized, and the articles in this volume that reflect on the importance of writing in a legal context and the need to strive for excellence by our students. The law school is also known for the number of its graduates who become members of the judiciary, like Justice Janice M. Holder, a justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, and Judge Maureen Lally-Green of the Pennsylvania Superior Court (Ret.), who wrote articles for this centennial issue.

What is it that makes an institution great? It is the people who strive to make that institution better than it was in the past. Because of our Law School’s past deans, professors and students the Law School is flourishing. We can admire our Law School’s past accomplishments—the growth, the recognitions, the quality of its programs, such as trial advocacy and legal writing, the quality of instruction, the academic achievements of its professors, and the quality of the students. The publication of the first edition of the Duquesne Law Review was a distinction that brought Duquesne

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University School of Law's students into the highest level of academic endeavors—editing and publishing an academic journal. The Law Review is a student organization. I was privileged to serve during 1972-1973 as the first woman editor-in-chief of the Law Review. Like Peter King, who served as one of the first co-editors-in-chief, I was unaware of the amount of work that was actually required to publish an edition of the Law Review. The formation of my legal career began while I was a student at Duquesne University School of Law and in my activities there while on the Law Review. The work ethic and the attention to detail that were necessary to publish an academic journal and edit legal scholarship are attributes that members of the Law Review, like myself, continue to hone in the practice of law and on the bench.

The hard work and diligence of our past and present deans (like John Gedid, who authored an article in this issue), professors and students brought Duquesne University School of Law to its prominent position today and hopefully will be a harbinger of greater success and excellence in the future.

William Shakespeare wrote:

Whereof what's past is prologue, what to come

In yours and my discharge

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, The Tempest, act II, scene i, lines 253-54. Antonio is speaking.

How true! The prologue for the Law School's first one hundred years is finished and it is now up to the current law students, as well as the graduates, to continue the traditions of excellence and to shape the future. Our past, present and future was, is and will be shaped by Duquesne University School of Law's spirit, which is part of its mission as a Catholic institution. That spirit was fostered by the sponsorship of the Spiritans and continues to be reflected in our graduates.

I hope you will enjoy the articles included in this centennial issue. I found them to be interesting and reflective of our Law School's past and present. This centennial issue gives great hope for unbounded, continued achievements for our Law School and the Law Review in the future.