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Annus Mirabilis

In my brief tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL, I have come to appreciate the facially competing values of progress and tradition embodied by institutional law reviews like my own. Law reviews exist to serve the academic community as a forum for vigorous debate about the law. This, of course, is epitomized by such law reviews' publication of scholarly, legal articles and student-written notes. In publishing such scholarship, this JOURNAL functions as an elegant forum for legal activism. But this JOURNAL, like others of its ilk, also serves as an indispensable reminder of the importance of tradition in the law.

This year, I have had the privilege of leading the KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL through two remarkable events. First, I started an initiative with the University of Kentucky College of Law's Library to locate a copy of every issue this JOURNAL has ever published. To my surprise, the earliest of the books we discovered dates to July 1881. Prior to this discovery, we were all under the impression that this JOURNAL was founded in 1913 and was 103 years old. We know now, however, that the KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL, founded in 1881, is 135 years old.

Second, I led the Editorial Board of this JOURNAL in unanimously passing an anti-discrimination and affirmative action policy: one which also articulates the positive rights of this JOURNAL'S members and associates. This new policy guarantees the equal treatment, opportunity, and development of all persons associated with this JOURNAL. As one of the oldest law reviews in the United States, the KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL is now one of the most progressive as well. In a time of great, nationwide social upheaval, I am so proud to have led this old JOURNAL on the steady, forward path toward justice.

It is my most sincere hope that you will enjoy the fruits of the labor undertaken by members of Volume 105 of the KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL, the heirs to more than a century of legal scholarship. In the words of George Baber, this JOURNAL'S first Editor-in-Chief: "The KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL is presented to the bar of the State with the confidence that its merits will engage the favorable consideration of the profession." And so it is.

Yours sincerely,

R. Nicholas Rabold