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EDITOR'S NOTE

*The glory of a lawyer is his strength of character. His knowledge and acumen must be forever respected. It is his lasting capital. Fires never burn it, slanders cannot destroy it, for what he owns in knowledge is his, is valuable and is lasting.*¹

- George Q. Richmond, 1924

Seventy-five years ago, this journal printed extracts from speeches given at "Old Timer's Day." George Richmond, a private in the Union Army in 1865 who then traveled west to practice in Pueblo, Colorado, addressed a gathering of attorneys who had practiced in the 1870s. Richmond's high-minded oratory notwithstanding, he reminded the younger attorneys that the "Western Bar" was a term "used to designate that class of lawyers who were supposed to know more about the practices of Colonel Bowie than those of Chancellor Chitty, and better versed in 'Colt, On Revolvers,' than Coke, on Common Law."²

While volumes one through five included many articles evocative of the "Western Bar," with volume six the journal left its roots as a "modest pamphlet" and began a career as a "magazine of substance."³ In 1924, this "little paper of news"⁴ proclaimed that a dictaphone, typewriter in good repair, and a flat-top desk properly equipped the "modern office."⁵ The editors insisted that the law need not be melancholy, stating that smiling in court is "not unseemly."⁶ By 1928, the journal addressed such "substantive" subjects as "Automobile Collisions at Intersections,"⁷ "Some Business Problems in Planning Wills from the Standpoint of the Fiduciary,"⁸ and "Legal Institutions of the Pilgrims,"⁹ as well as the customary comments on court decisions. Finally, the courage to publish interdisciplinary works is traced to 1929, when a medical doctor contributed the article "Medical Aspects of the Crime Situation."¹⁰

1. *Extracts from Address Delivered by George Q. Richmond at Old Timers Day*, 1 DENV. B. ASS'N REC., Aug. 1924, at 7, 8 [hereinafter *Extracts*]. The *Denver Bar Association Record* (1923-1928) preceded publication of *Dicta* (1928-1962), a journal co-published by the University of Denver College of Law and the Denver Bar Association. See Robert B. Yegge, *The Final Word: Some Historical Notes, in Reflections on the College of Law and the Denver University Law Review*, 75 DENV. U. L. REV. 693, 706 (1998) (describing the *Denver University Law Review's* parade of name changes).

2. *Extracts*, *supra* note 1, at 7.

3. *So the People May Know*, DICTA, Nov. 1928, at 3.

4. *Editorial*, DENV. B. ASS'N REC., Dec. 1923, at 2 (stating the first words of the first issue of the first volume).

5. *System in a Law Office*, DENV. B. ASS'N REC., Jan. 1924, at 2.

6. *Must the Law be Melancholy?*, DENV. B. ASS'N REC., Apr. 1924, at 5.

7. Kenneth V. Riley, *Automobile Collisions at Intersections*, DICTA, July 1929, at 3.

8. Leroy McWhinney, *Some Business Problems in Planning Wills from the Standpoint of the Fiduciary*, DICTA, Sept. 1929, at 3.

9. Julian P. Nordlund, *Legal Institutions of the Pilgrims*, DICTA, Feb. 1929, at 3.

10. Franklin G. Ebaugh, *Medical Aspects of the Crime Situation*, DICTA, Mar. 1929, at 3.

This "little paper of news" grew into a law review dedicated to legal scholarship that spans local, national, and international interests. The annual survey of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals provides a useful reference to practitioners in the Rocky Mountain West. The *Law Review's* general issues and annual symposia reflect a dedication to scholarship that "is not afraid of exploring reality; scholarship that straddles disciplines, and draws inspiration from the social sciences."¹¹

To honor the *Law Review's* 75th anniversary, the editors asked accomplished graduates, faculty, and associates to contribute to this issue. Professor Lawrence Friedman of Stanford University and a member of the University of Denver College of Law's Hughes Research and Development Committee, provides the keynote address in his article exploring the relation of law reviews to law and society. Richard Lamm, governor of Colorado from 1975 to 1987 and a professor of law here in the 1970s, discusses his personal odyssey and the development of his political philosophies. Judge Kane of the United States District Court, District of Colorado, and former *Law Review* editor-in-chief, graciously allows us to print his remarks given at the College of Law's graduation ceremony in December 1997. Another former editor-in-chief and partner at the law firm of Holland and Hart in Denver, Richard Koon, proposes equal opportunity for transactional and litigation skills in contemporary legal education.

Five short reflections on legal education, the College of Law, and the *Law Review* conclude the special anniversary section of this issue. The following alumni provide the diverse reminiscences: Justice Patricio Serna of the New Mexico Supreme Court and former *Law Review* editor; Judge John Porfilio of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; Kenneth Kay, chief executive officer of Infotech Strategies, an innovative company focused on information technology applications, who proves that success can be found outside the bench and bar; John Love, governor of Colorado from 1963 to 1973; and Robert Yegge, dean and professor of law at the University of Denver, and former *Law Review* editor.

It is my hope that this issue contributes to the strong legacy of 75 years of hard work and intelligent discourse found in the *Denver University Law Review*.

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Editor-in-Chief

11. Lawrence M. Friedman, *Law Reviews and Legal Scholarship: Some Comments*, 75 DENV. U. L. REV. 661, 668 (1998).