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EDITORIAL

This issue concludes the tenth year of publication of the Journal of the Association of Administrative Law Judges. An Editorial published during our first year stated:

A primary goal of <J.NAALJ> is the publication of original, timely articles having practical or theoretical value for Administrative Law Judges. Because of the great geographic and subject matter diversity of our membership, articles of general interest will necessarily focus on areas such as due process and the conduct of hearings, evidence, decision writing, judicial review, and comparative administrative law. In order to provide substantive depth, more specialized articles will be included, provided they illustrate points of broad applicability, and may be read with profit by a wide audience.

(Vol. 1, No. 2, Fall 1981)

While we have been faithful to this statement of policy, experience has brought about a change in emphasis. In recent years it has been our practice to reprint, usually in edited form, significant articles from the academic law reviews. This trend will continue, with the object of making the current and classic scholarly literature readily accessible to sitting judges.

We recognize that our readership is seriously and specifically interested in the task of administrative adjudication. Nevertheless, we sometimes venture, cautiously and judiciously, into more general and related areas, when we are presented with particularly noteworthy and interesting material.

We welcome and solicit original articles from all contributors. Our sole criteria for publication are scholarly merit, readability, and relevance.

The readership of J.NAALJ is not limited to Administrative Law Judges. Virtually every major academic law library in the country, the Supreme Courts of the United States and Canada, and other prestigious institutions subscribe to the Journal. Nevertheless, the primary purpose of J.NAALJ is to provide the members of NAALJ, for whom it is intended, with continuing professional education of the highest quality.

Partial indices have appeared in the Journal from time to time, at intervals selected to coincide with bound volumes; a comprehensive index will be published in Volume XI, Number 2 (Fall 1991).

While the Journal has always preferred substance over form (thanks to the economies of our Managing Editor, Chief Judge Cygan, and the sacrifices of our Editorial Assistants), the format and appearance of the Journal will improve with the next issue.

As we enter our second decade, J.NAALJ will strive to become the pride of the Association and the scholarly voice of the administrative judiciary.

David J. Agatstein,
Editor-in-Chief

