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## Editor's Note

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## *Editor's Note*

At the average law school, only thirty to fifty students are privileged to belong to the law review. I say privileged, not honored, because membership on the law review staff is not an award for past accomplishments, it is a call to action—an endeavor, so to speak.

When Amelia Earhart completed her solo flight across the Atlantic, she said, “Everyone has his own Atlantics to fly. Whatever you want very much to do . . . that is an Atlantic. . . . To want in one’s heart to do a thing . . . to concentrate all one’s energies upon it—that is not only the surest guarantee of success. It is also being true to oneself.”<sup>1</sup>

For the law student called to law review service, writing a comment, a casenote or a legislative note can be just such an “Atlantic,” testing the student’s competency at legal analysis, and also her dedication, perseverance, and determination to add something of value to the body of legal scholarship.

I salute three such students whose writings appear in this issue—Amy Hall, Nathan Edwards, and Chad Thornberry—and I encourage you to read their thoughtful and engaging pieces. Subsequent issues will feature additional student works, including our *Review of Selected 1999 California Legislation*, which will include more than thirty legislative notes.

In this issue I direct your attention to Carrie Menkel-Meadow’s essay, *The Sense and Sensibilities of Lawyers: Lawyering in Literature, Narratives, Film and Television, and Ethical Choices Regarding Career and Craft*, and Judge James R. Adams’ article, *From Babel to Reason: An Examination of the Duty Issue*. Future issues will include a symposium entitled *When Boomers Need Care Will it Be There? The Viability of Nursing Homes & Alternatives in the 21st Century*, and additional contributions from legal scholars and practitioners, including William N. Eskridge, Jr.’s *Comparative Law Lessons for the Same-Sex Marriage Debate*, Weldon E. Havins and James J. Dalessio’s *Reproductive Surrogacy at the Millenium: Proposed Model Legislation Regulating “Non-Traditional” Gestational Surrogacy Contracts*, and Nancy Thorington’s *Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction over Matters Arising in Indian Country: A Roadmap for Improving Interaction Among Tribal, State and Federal Governments*.

Since I first dreamed of going to law school, I have “wanted in my heart” to write for the law review. I am thankful for the advice, encouragement and leadership of the editors, teachers and advisors who have helped me achieve that personal goal. With much gratitude to the Volume 30 Board of Editors, and to all of the writers, editors and advisors who have aided in the preparation of this volume, the Board of Editors is pleased to present our collective “Atlantic”: Volume 31 of the *McGeorge Law Review*.

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1. Virginia Morrell, *Amelia Earhart*, NAT’L GEOGRAPHIC, Jan. 1998, at 112, 130.

