

PREFACE

The Consortium Editorial Board of the *National Black Law Journal* of the George Mason University School of Law is very proud to present this issue of the *Journal*. This accomplishment is testament to the fact that, though young, George Mason University School of Law contains the energy and direction needed to produce such a prestigious work. We hope that this is just the beginning of a long, friendly relationship with the UCLA School of Law.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The preparation for this issue of the *National Black Law Journal* began in the Fall of 1987 when Professor Joseph E. Broadus proposed a consortium issue with the *Journal* to Mr. Gregory L. McClinton, then a second year student in the School of Law. Mr. McClinton organized a handful of associates and presented the formal materials to the office of the *National Black Law Journal* at UCLA. By the end of the 1987-'88 school year, Mr. McClinton and his associates had organized a full staff, contacted all possible authors, and made the financial arrangements necessary to make the *Journal* a reality.

With Mr. McClinton's decision to study abroad during his final year of law school, the editorial board had to be restructured in the Fall of 1988. After voting in the new editors and staff, the entire board began work on the articles received. By early in the Spring 1989 school semester, the final publication prospectus was received. By early in the Spring 1989 school semester, the final publication prospectus was approved for presentation to Dean Henry G. Manne of the law school and to the National Board of Editors.

Though the editorial work continued until the day the very last manuscript was mailed to UCLA, the end of the 1988-'89 school year brings with it the culmination of our attempts to create a quality edition of the *National Black Law Journal*. We hope the Spring 1990 edition of the *Journal* will reflect well on the George Mason University School of Law and indicate the positive direction in which the school is headed.

Managerial responsibility for this issue of the *Journal* rested in the hands of the Consortium Editorial Board. The members were elected to their offices based on their expressed level of interest and the quality of their submitted written work.

Numerous individuals, other than editors and staff, volunteered from time to time to assist us in any way possible. From typing to advice on editing, the *Journal* is in part due to their efforts. We are especially grateful to the following persons for their contributions: Darlene D. Bulluck, Richard J. Cromwell, Michael T. Judge, and Emmetri M. Williams.

While the entire staff worked hard to complete this edition of the *Journal*, special thanks goes to Mr. Christopher H. Davis and Ms. Stacey L. Chatman. As Articles Editor, Mr. Davis went many a sleepless night so that deadlines could be met. Additionally, because the Board had no computer to use, Mr. Davis' home computer, as well as his home, often served as our office. Ms.

Chatman conducted the majority of our word processing services. We cannot express our gratitude for the numerous hours she volunteered to the *Journal*.

The sole contributor to this issue must also be acknowledged. Though hundreds of individuals and firms in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area were solicited, we received a contribution from only one individual, Mr. Richard M. Ballard, Jr. We thank you, Mr. Ballard, for your support. We can only hope that the Washington, D.C. area will be more supportive in the future.

Thanks also goes to the George Mason University School of Law's Student Bar Association (SBA) for the funding it provided us through the law school. Without the SBA's patience in our initial attempt to produce the *Journal*, the dream would have ended before it got started.

Additionally, thanks goes to the George Mason University School of Law's chapter of the Federalist Society. In an attempt to bring in a wider range of views and make this issue of the *Journal* more interesting to the entire public, the Federalist Society ran a nation-wide writing contest. The winner of this contest was to be published in this edition of the *Journal*. Though the participation of the Federalist Societies around the nation was disappointing, this school's chapter continued to support the *Journal* however possible. We thank them for their financial and emotional support.

Finally, thank you, the reader, for your patronage and devotion to this *Journal*. We have worked tirelessly to bring you an edition that will be of value. We hope you will be satisfied.

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Editor-in-Chief

