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BUILDING SOMETHING THAT ENDURES**

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Tentative efforts lead to tentative outcomes. Therefore, give yourself fully to your endeavors. Decide to construct your character through excellent actions, and determine to pay the price for a worthy goal. The trials you encounter will introduce you to your strengths. Remain steadfast . . . and one day you will build something that endures, something worthy of your potential.

-Epictetus

The 1998 Board of Editors began its ambitious journey to elevate the *St. Thomas Law Review* to levels admired within academia and legal practice early in the summer of 1997, immediately upon taking the baton from its predecessors, the 1997 Board of Editors. Our predecessors were a team of skilled and dedicated editors that exited with bravado, having performed during their tenure in a manner worthy of emulation and leaving us inspired by quality.

The editing process was in place and familiar. Our first challenge was choosing our staff. This process, too, was in place and familiar, but slightly infirmed. With the expert guidance and support of our faculty advisor, Professor Daniel Gordon, who led by example, we quickly streamlined the procedures and were able to concentrate on article solicitation and review.

Without wasting any time, we proceeded to the arduous, but satisfying, task of editing and publishing our first volume, which we proudly titled *Indigenous Renaissance: Law, Culture & Society in the 21st Century*. This awesome presentation of the “blossoming into freedom” of the Native American culture would not have been possible without the assistance of Professor Siegfried Wiessner, who acquired the speakers; Olga Leyva, the Building Administrator; and the School of Law faculty and staff. It was through the magnanimous efforts of these individuals that we

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were able to sponsor an outstanding symposium and to realize the publication of a compendium of valuable resources, which the *Law Review* staff authenticated through resourceful research and citation, making this memorialization of our nation's history a most reliable source within its genre and a credit to the *Law Review*.

The next challenge was one that every law review faces, obtaining quality articles. We had begun direct solicitation early in the summer. The response was expansive and comprehensive. Notwithstanding the demand on our time, we spent countless and precious hours reviewing the submissions and choosing from amongst them. We delighted and labored over the treasure of articles that enriched our second issue. To further enrich the whole of the publication, we undertook a small children's rights symposium.

At all times, we remained mindful of the contributions that our fellow law students could make and motivated everyone enrolled at the school to partake in the making of the legacy. This endeavor produced five notes and comments, which triggered citations from within the legal community, further advancing the *Law Review's* stature and credibility.

Realizing that the greatest responses for articles would come from events, we opted to sponsor a criminal law symposium. Even though we were painfully aware of the time constraints and demands that such a huge undertaking would impute into our already taxed law school schedules, we forged forward, fearlessly and successfully recruiting respected lawyers and scholars to speak on cutting edge criminal law issues.

The symposium was a magnanimous success. With that success arose the obligation of assisting the contributors, as necessary, to quickly convert their speeches into the robust compilation of articles that the third issue of Volume 10 evidences, a rewarding tribute to the presenters and to our staff.

Among the memorable group of speakers and authors in this criminal law symposium was our own Professor Alfredo Garcia. Not only did he later become the Dean of St. Thomas University School of Law, but his article, *Is Miranda Dead, Was It Overruled, or Is It Irrelevant?*, 10 ST. THOMAS L. REV. 461 (1998), is one of the most cited publications of the *St. Thomas Law Review*.

On behalf of the entire 1998 Board of Editors and Editorial Staff, I take this opportunity to thank Professor Garcia for investing from the labors of his professional life in us, in our school, and our *Law Review*. Equally as important, I thank all the contributors to each issue of Volume 10 for partnering with us and trusting us with the editing and publishing of your outstanding works.

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In conclusion, the Board of Editors and Staff of the 1998 *St. Thomas Law Review* gave fully of themselves, remaining steadfast in their resolve to build something that has endured, something worthy of our potential, even when paying a price for the worthy goal.