

A SENSE OF PRIDE

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It was 1987; the year prior to the St. Thomas University School of Law receiving full accreditation approval. I can still remember the enthusiasm inspired as a young, vibrant, and hopeful law school pursued its national accreditation. As students, we were all inspired by the School of Law's struggle, and we felt a great sense of responsibility to the university, to ourselves, and to each other to contribute to the accreditation process.

Although young and not yet accredited, the School of Law and its faculty invoked a sense of pride and unity as everyone focused on the task at hand. As students, we were kept informed on the status of the accreditation process and the benchmarks to be met. Meetings on the matter were all well attended and every breath on campus was filled with anticipation and hope for approval. It was a time of great excitement and uncertainty, but, with the quality of the faculty, we were confident that we would prevail.

During those early years, new opportunities to increase our legal education were being made available to students. The *St. Thomas Law Forum* was one such avenue that provided the students an outlet to publish well reasoned and thoughtful legal articles. With the introduction of the *Law Forum's* first successful publication, St. Thomas University School of Law established itself as an appropriate and suitable leader in legal studies.

I was privileged to have been part of the editorial board for Volume 2 published in the spring of 1990. We had a superb board with Brian McMahon as Editor-in-Chief. I specifically remember editing the work of our classmate, Carol Lee Childress, who authored an article titled *Saudi-Arabian Contract Law: A Comparative Perspective*. We worked hard as we were mindful that our efforts were setting the precedence for future publications.

After we completed our publication, a celebration was held at the home of Eileen Weber, the first Editor-in-Chief. There was a sense of accomplishment and pride in our law school, and we knew then that it was to become a highly recognized institution of legal studies and learning.

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Today, for those of us that are practitioners of the law, the *St. Thomas Law Review* serves not only as a source of pride in our alma mater, but as a source for continuing education and legal research.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the *Law Review*, a recognition to all the dedicated faculty that made the publication of the *Law Forum* possible, and specially to Professor Siegfried Wiessner, the founder and the spirit behind the *Law Forum*. And most of all, congratulations to the various Boards of Editors for twenty-five years of hard work, and best wishes to future Boards of Editors so that the *St. Thomas Law Review* can continue to be the excellent scholarly legal journal that it is today.