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From the Editors: This issue of the Review is dedicated to the memory of “Mr. B,” professor, administrator, and friend of the law school for 50 years. This year’s class was the first in half a century to explore the intricacies of property, wills and sales without the benefit of his socratic guidance. Though we did not know him as a professor or administrator, we knew him as a friend, and as an institution whose memory serves as an inspiration to those who would conscientiously undertake the study of the law.

A steadily increasing readership—now approaching one thousand—is placing on the Review an increasing responsibility to diversify and expand the content of its lead articles beyond the previously adhered to limits. The Review has enlisted the support and guidance of an Advisory Board composed of outstanding members of the judiciary and the legal profession who will advise the Editorial Board on matters of content and long-range objectives. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions to the preparation of future issues. Certainly, the Review welcomes suggestions from all our readers on desired content.

In accord with this shift in emphasis, the present issue seeks to expand the scope of subscribers to whom it will be of service to include the corporate and business practitioner. We have included articles on tax planning and securities regulation, which extend beyond the general purview of the trial practitioner. Of course, this expansion is accomplished by virtue of larger issues of the Review, which will continue to devote substantial attention to the needs of the Virginia attorney. His needs are, and will continue to be, served by the publication of articles such as this issue’s analysis of Virginia’s wrongful death statute, and student articles based on significant recent decisions of the Virginia Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the two Virginia federal district courts. The diversity of topics represented in this issue is expected to continue in succeeding years so that the Review will better meet the needs of the practitioner and of the legal community as a whole.