

## Editor's Note

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

As Editor-in-Chief, tradition has granted me the privilege of providing insight into the topics selected for *Journal* publication. I respectfully decline this honor and choose to break tradition. Instead, my thoughts concern the *Journal* as *the* ongoing tradition, a product of the blood, sweat and tears of many dedicated students who made the *Journal*, as it exists today possible.

This issue marks the end of the *Journal* fifth year. Two years ago, I became a staff member, grateful that the University of Maryland School of Law gave me the opportunity to explore topics of international trade law outside the realm of the classroom. Having remained with the *Journal* until my graduation this past June, I discovered that the life line of the *Journal* was its staff and the law school Administration. I have come to realize that a new publication can live or die upon a moment's notice, totally dependent on the people who make it possible. Fortunately, the *Journal* has survived these early, tenuous years. I leave the 1980-81 Editorial Board with a publication entering into its adolescence, still temperamental and dependent but possessing a will to fight and survive on its own.

I speak of the *Journal* as if it were a person. But when one has been so involved with its growth, so concerned with its success, one can not help but to become attached. I feel honored — and I am sure I speak for the entire Editorial Board — to have been a part of the establishment of the *Journal* and to have witnessed an improvement in the quality of its issues. For this, I sincerely thank Professors Chui and Laing and the law school Administration. And to raise a few names from the past, I think George Pappas, Marc Zell, David Simon and Gil Genn to whom much of the credit for the stability of the *Journal* is owed. I am personally grateful to Judy Warfield, Editor-in-Chief, 1978-79, who joins the ranks of those named above and whose sincere care for the *Journal* inspired me to keep the *Journal* alive and kicking.

As my last words, I am sure you will find the articles and student pieces which follow to be a reflection of the maturity the *Journal* has attained this past year. Finally, to the ITLJ Happy Fifth Anniversary, with many more to come!

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