

## INTRODUCTIONS

You have opened the cover of the 100th issue of the *Alberta Law Review*.

This milestone provides an opportunity for reflecting upon both past accomplishments and future goals.

Those of us present at the creation of the *Review* would have been content to know that publication would continue; even the most optimistic would not have expected the 100th issue before the turn of the century. None would have predicted that issues of the current size and quality would become routine.

I take this occasion to pay tribute to all who have contributed to the success of the *Review*. Readers may not fully appreciate the tasks that have to be undertaken to produce a single issue, running from the solicitation of the articles, to selection and editing of material, to proof-reading through to production and distribution. At the same time the *Review* staff have to ensure that no issue sustains a loss. Indeed that was one of the strictures laid down by Dean Bowker when the *Review* was first mooted.

One hallmark of this *Review* is the fact that it is a student publication. I continue to be impressed by how well the editorial staffs have met the challenge of meeting high standards relying entirely upon student volunteers. There are few law reviews that can match this *Review's* record of student participation.

A second hallmark of this *Review* has been the inclusion of material of assistance to the bar of this province. An important aspect of the *Review's* work has been its involvement with the Petroleum Law Supplement, of itself a publication of national significance.

In looking to the future I expect continued dedication to the rule of student editorship of a journal which continues to recognize the interests of the Bar. Participation in the *Review* must continue to be an honour and an enriching experience. Finally, I express, with confidence, the hope that the Bar will continue the commitment of financial support that began with issue number one.

W.A. Stevenson

In his account of the "emergence" of the *Alberta Law Review*, written for the special Twenty Fifth Anniversary Issue in 1980, the Honourable William Stevenson said that the *Review* arose Phoenix-like from the ashes of the *Alberta Law Quarterly* which expired at the end of World War II. Its beginning was modest with only six issues appearing in the 1955-61 period. Fortunately the Law Society and the University supported the new venture so that it was not necessary to depend solely on advertising.

For many years the *Review* has been a quarterly. One notable feature, beginning with Volume 3 in 1964 and continuing annually ever since, has been a Petroleum Law Supplement consisting of papers given at seminars of the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation. In the last three years it has become a separate edition.

Another notable development has been the inclusion of an editorial board at the University of Calgary. The ninety-ninth issue consists of papers given in 1991 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the University of Calgary. Other recent issues devoted to a given subject are No. 90 on the *Constitution* and *Charter*; No. 91 on Women and the Law; No. 95 on the Power of the Purse.

In its forty-nine years the *Review* has carried, from the practitioners standpoint, useful articles, case notes and book reviews. The competence of the editorial staff has been manifest in their performance as students and in their subsequent records as judges, teachers and practitioners. The *Review* is a valuable, integral part of the role of the Faculty and one can safely say that it has made a worthwhile contribution to legal scholarship in Alberta and beyond.

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