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Washington University School of Law dedicated its magnificent new home, Anheuser-Busch Hall on September 26, 1997. With this volume, the *Washington University Law Quarterly* celebrates the new building, and something more: the current direction of the School of Law, best captured by the title of this introduction: “Forward.”

The old law school building, Seeley G. Mudd Hall, was dedicated in 1972, but it quickly became inadequate, unliveable, and obsolete. Mudd Hall was reportedly an award-winning example of the hopefully now extinct architectural style of “Neo-Brutalism,” but its facilities were “not designed for today’s needs in legal education.”¹ Deficient facilities, however, were only a small part of its problem. In addition to the brown liquid (sometimes affectionately called “Mudd sludge”) some classroom ceilings leaked, the building from its first days was cold, musty, and foreboding. The accreditors colorfully described the deficiencies of Mudd Hall as follows: “A population of about 800 people . . . are crushed into 60,000 square feet of space. The sweaty and noisy propinquity in the offices, corridors, and toilets—literally everywhere in the building—reminds one of a Manhattan subway at rush hour. . . .”²

Through the contributions of the Washington University School of Law community, particularly the efforts of its faculty, alumni, and administration, and the generosity of its donors, the law school has left Mudd Hall and now resides in a splendid, state of the art building. Anheuser-Busch Hall (so-named to recognize a generous gift from the Anheuser Busch Foundation in honor of Fred L. Kuhlmann, a former Editor in Chief of the *Law Quarterly* and an Anheuser-Busch executive) bears little similarity with its dreary predecessor. Anheuser-Busch Hall’s 175,000 square feet are filled with state-of-the-art classrooms, offices, study carrels and group study rooms, two

1. OFFICE OF THE CONSULTANT ON LEGAL EDUCATION TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, REPORT ON WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW 52 (1991).

2. *Id.*

courtrooms, and an information center containing more than 546,000 books and ample technological resources. Anheuser-Busch Hall offers all the resources students should have to facilitate learning, and it surrounds them with marble slate floors, ornate woodworking, and grand staircases.

Yet Anheuser-Busch Hall offers more: it offers an environment where the legal community gathers to learn. Although in use little more than a year, Anheuser-Busch Hall has housed actual trials, symposia where speakers included a Commissioner and the General Council from the Securities Exchange Commission, and moot court competitions presided over by Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the United States Supreme Court and Herbert H. P. Ma, former Grand Justice of the Taiwanese Judicial Yuan. Even when no special events occur, area lawyers join students seeking information and comfort in its library and other facilities.

As the legal community gathers in Anheuser-Busch Hall, it seems appropriate they and the reader remember Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's call for greater professionalism in her speech at the Dedication Ceremony for Anheuser-Busch Hall. Her speech, therefore, opens this volume, which then continues with short pieces written by members of Washington University School of Law's own faculty. Some of these pieces discuss the new building, while other pieces look outside the walls of the school to discuss significant issues in the law and legal education. Hopefully, these works will showcase for the reader some of the diversity and talent present at Washington University, and some of the promise the School of Law has as it prepares for the next century.

Yet we would be remiss if we only looked forward, without taking a moment to remember those who have brought us to this point. We would like to thank the faculty and staff of the School of Law, particularly Dean Dorsey D. Ellis, Jr., and Professor Michael M. Greenfield. As the individual who spearheaded the fund-raising campaign that paid for building—the person who helped the students escape Mudd Hall's dreary cement and sludge for the state-of-the-art, green-slated halls of Anheuser-Busch—Dean Ellis was our Augustus:

Since the city was not adorned as the dignity of the empire demanded, and was exposed to flood . . . , he so beautified it he could justly boast that he had found it built of brick and left in the marble. He made it safe too for the future, so far as human foresight could provide for this.³

3. Gaius Suetonius Tranquillus, *Divus Augustus* ("The Deified Augustus"), in 1 SEUTONIUS 167 (J.C. Rolfe, trans., Loeb Classical Library ed. 1989).

Professor Greenfield, meanwhile, served as Chair of the Building Committee, and was (we imagine) as tough on the architects and builders as he has been for decades on his first-year Contracts students. We praise the architects and the builders, those individuals whose craftsmanship made the new building a reality. We would also like to thank the many alumni and donors, both those named throughout the building and those who remain more anonymous, for the support that served as the foundation for the new building. Finally, we would like to thank all our fellow students, who make the building and legal education come alive, and who will continue to build a great legacy for Washington University School of Law.

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