A LAST WORD FROM THE EDITOR

> To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

The Preacher reminds us that we are creatures as well as creators, that our days are numbered for us, and our own purposes carved by another's design. So too, communities, even those like the JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION, must undergo change as history marches on. Begotten by the Council on Religion and Law and Hamline University School of Law, and born in 1982, the JOURNAL has been nurtured along to maturity as a well-known international institution at Hamline University School of Law, and now will grow even more abundantly at Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion. Beginning with our next issue, Volume XXIX , No.1, Emory will be the new home to the JOURNAL under the direction of its faculty editors, Abdullahi An-Na'im, Michael Broyde, Christy Green, Michael Perry, John Witte and managing editor Silas Allard. Going forward, the JOURNAL will be an imprint of Cambridge University Press. It is especially fitting that CSLR, founded by JOURNAL benefactor Harold S. Berman and original JOURNAL Board member Frank Alexander, will take up the challenge posed by our statement of perspective.

As the JOURNAL makes its journey from its first and long-time home, what seems most necessary is to count the blessings that have come to us over these more than thirty (30) years. I would start with Hamline University School of Law, which has quietly supported the JOURNAL every step of the way, providing faculty editors, all of the production staff and student editorial assistants, and even cash to publish our issues on many occasions when subscriptions were not enough to meet expenses.

Our faculty editors over this period have donated many hours of meticulous care to ensuring that the JOURNAL has published the highest-quality and most meaningful articles in law and religion. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our founding editors Wilson Yates and Michael Scherschligt for setting the JOURNAL on the right path. Since 1987-1988, Howard J. Vogel has been at my right hand in many capacities, as book review editor, technical editor, financial manager, and friend-in-need. Others who have served as editors over this time have included Mary L. Dunnewold, Stephen Liebo, and Beth Honetschlager, all from

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Hamline, as well as individual issue editors Azizah al-Hibri, Ed Gaffney, Chaim Saiman, and Intisar Rabb. Our book review editors over the years, Ed Gaffney, Steven D. Smith, Leslie Griffin, M. Christian Green and Perry Dane have worked hard to make sure that good books have been reviewed, and reviewed well.

It would be difficult to describe the devotion that our two longest-serving production managers—most recently Linda Berglin and at the beginning Mary Jo Diedrich—have brought to the production of the JOURNAL and the care of our authors, reviewers, subscribers and Board members. Joining them along the way have been production managers JoAnne Matson, Kathryn Marron, and Jenessa Stromberger, as well as a host of Hamline law student editorial assistants too numerous to mention. In recent years, Hamline University School of Law assistant deans Anne Johnson and Richelle Wesley have helped us manage our expenses in a way that has helped to keep the JOURNAL accessible to persons of all means, and our Law School deans have almost always said "yes" to special needs that arose along the way.

But there are so many beyond the walls of Hamline that have become part of the JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION community. They include our hundreds of authors and book reviewers, their work displayed and named in the twenty-eight (28) volumes we have produced. Just as importantly, they include even more hundreds of article reviewers, unnamed and anonymous, whose contribution to the JOURNAL's success was just as critical, since it is largely upon their expertise that an interfaith, interdisciplinary and international journal like ours has to depend in order to bring our readers the most relevant, provocative, well-researched and convincing work in law and religion.

I must give thanks for the blessing of a supportive Advisory Committee and an insightful and cherished Editorial Board, who over the years have become a community of spiritual nourishment and intellectual discourse for the JOURNAL's endeavors, including those beyond these pages such as our yearly symposium, website and law and religion breakfasts. While in over thirty years, the Editorial Board composition has changed, I want to especially honor our current members who have had special responsibilities in making this transition a good one, including José Roberto Juárez (chair), Deborah Cantrell, Paula Cooey, Perry Dane, Anver Emon, Emily Albrink Hartigan, M. Christian Green, Afra Jalabi, Howard Lesnick, Robin Lovin, Nancy Miller-Herron, Russ Pearce, Michael Perry, Tom Porter, Asifa Quraishi-Landes, Kath Sands, Earl Schwartz, Steven D. Smith, Darryl Trimiew, Amy Uelmen, and Howard Vogel. Our Editorial Board chairs and

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Advisory Committee chairs have also played an important role. Heading up the Editorial Board under my watch, we have been blessed to be supported by Doug Sturm, Tom Porter, Betty Mensch, and Beto Juárez, and Advisory Committee chairs Milton Konvitz, Doug Sturm, Richard Hiers and Samuel Levine.

As our Editorial Board deliberated the future of the JOURNAL, it quickly because apparent that there were many, many untended fields in law and religion beyond the contributions that an academic journal can make. Therefore, the nonprofit corporation under which the JOURNAL has been organized will continue with a different mission and under a new name, the Council on Religion and Law, which returns us to our roots. We hope that our endeavors will complement the new energy and direction that Emory's Center for the Study of Law and Religion will bring to this field.

I thank those of you who have subscribed to and read the JOURNAL all of these years, and hope that you will continue to find in its pages the great delight and gift that I have experienced as editor in chief for these past twenty-five years.

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