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PREFACE

A Preface to the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Volume

This Volume marks a milestone in the history of the *Brooklyn Law Review*—its seventy-fifth year of publication. The *Law Review* was actually founded in the fall of 1931—more than seventy-eight years ago—and its first issue came out in the spring of 1932. The mismatch in the years is explained by the fact that publication was suspended during part of World War II.

An event like this is an opportunity to reflect on our past and to thank those who have contributed to the *Law Review*'s success and growth over the years. When the *Law Review* was first taking shape during the 1931-32 academic year, the country was in the midst of the Great Depression. Brooklyn Law School was still part of St. Lawrence University; the school's founder, William Payson Richardson, was Dean; and future Dean Jerome Prince was on the journal's original staff, soon to become its first student Editor-in-Chief. The masthead counted only nineteen editors, and the inaugural issue featured a portrait of Benjamin N. Cardozo to celebrate the famous New York judge's recent elevation to the United States Supreme Court.

Today's *Law Review* is a product of a different era. We have recently witnessed the election of this country's first African-American president, the unfolding of what has been described as the worst economic crisis in seven decades, and the appointment of two more New Yorkers to the Supreme Court. Our membership has grown to eighty-five students. We count among our alumni federal and state judges, accomplished practitioners, and, to the delight of our members, several past and present Brooklyn Law School professors. We have kept our generalist scope but almost every volume these days includes a special symposium issue, which, according to Dean Prince's

Preface to the twenty-fifth anniversary volume, was something the *Law Review* was just beginning to experiment with in the 1950s. More importantly, however, just like in our early years, today, we continue to serve as an important national forum for intellectual debate, a driver for legal reform, and an incubator for student leadership and camaraderie.

On behalf of all my fellow members, I'd like to thank all of the past editors, our faculty advisors, other Brooklyn Law School professors, as well as the school administration for contributing to the *Law Review's* success. You have served as an inspiration to us, and it is thanks to your work and ideas that we have had the pleasure and privilege to play a part in the *Law Review's* distinguished history.

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