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The *Valparaiso University Law Review* began in the 1964–65 academic year when a small but energetic group of students persuaded the Law School faculty and administration to authorize its publication. These students provided the spark, and the students that followed lit the torch, publishing the first issue of the *Law Review* in Fall 1966. For over fifty years, exemplary law students have carried that torch, keeping the light of legal thought shining at Valparaiso University Law School.

The initial volume of the *Law Review* opened with an article by Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Thomas C. Clark, and the *Law Review* has since featured works by legal luminaries such as Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Roscoe Pound, Ronald Dworkin, and Stanley Fish. The *Law Review* has held symposia and published symposium volumes on a wide variety of issues including: constitutional and federalism principles, environmental law, gun violence and policy, drug law, business and legal ethics, and diversity in the legal profession. The *Law Review* has been invaluable to its many members, authors, and readers.

In producing this final volume, the current Law Review editorial board and staff have upheld this publication's tradition of excellence. This final group has exhibited many of the traits Dean Louis F. Bartelt noted in the Review's first editorial board. Both groups were "imaginative and aggressive" and "attacked the problems confronting them with unflagging enthusiasm and energy." While the founding students created a new publication and tradition for the Law School, this final group of Law Review students has been determined to carry on that tradition, to honor those who have gone before and those who remain here in these final days of the Law School, and to provide a dignified closing chapter to the *Valparaiso University Law Review*. It is noble work, and these final Law Review students must be commended for it.

The Valparaiso University Law School is grateful for every student, faculty member, staff member, author, subscriber, and supporter who contributed to the success of the *Law Review*. For over a half century, the *Law Review* has helped cast this Law School and University in a positive light, and it has benefited those individuals associated with it in countless ways.

It is my great honor, albeit a melancholy one, to present this final volume of the *Valparaiso University Law Review*.

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