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## EDITORIAL NOTE

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### To the Reader:

This issue brings to a close the first dozen years of our Association's "official publication" and with its presentation to you, the end, as well, of this Editor's responsibility for the Journal. After editing the *IJLI* for the past five years and contributing in some smaller measure to its development during two earlier years, this decision seems appropriate to the time. In the normal course of any publication's life, editorial change is a reasonably commonplace occurrence, inevitable and not terribly noteworthy except, perhaps, to those concerned. Yet, the ending is more than imagined—certainly more difficult than the uncertain difficulties of beginning. In part, this may be due to the unfinished or incomplete sense which is inherent in periodical publishing itself and which is, to paraphrase someone else, "like dropping a rose petal down the Grand Canyon and waiting for the echo." However disquieting this task has been at times, it is assuaged by the certainty that petals of one sort or another will inevitably be cast and the reverberation will be felt because our editorial efforts over these many years have produced a professional publication clearly worth continuing—by others.

To my senior colleague, Adolf Sprudz, whose own note to you is set forth below, I extend my heartfelt appreciation. Truly, his work and efforts over the past years have significantly helped to establish the *IJLI* into an important forum for assessing scholarly research and publication in legal literature. I will neither recount nor recite the number and names of the distinguished contributors whose writings and commentary have appeared in our pages through his efforts. All this and more is obviously evident to our readers from our published pages. To my newer colleagues, Timothy Kearley and Robert Schaaf, I extend my thanks for allowing me to join with you in the enthusiasm and excitement of developing our pages devoted to periodicals and documents.

The role of Igor Kavass, as many of you know and appreciate, in the achievements of the Journal is immeasurable and beyond adequate description within these few lines. Suffice it to say that he has performed the full range of tasks necessary to the publication and continued life of the Journal, often doing this when it was not his responsibility and without taking any public credit for shouldering the burden. Without his initial encouragement, support and participation, many of the innovative ideas

concerning the Journal which now form the basis for its wider recognition would never have come into being. As a result, “*res ipsa loquitur*” and for this your colleagues on the editorial board acknowledge and recognize Igor Kavass, *il miglior fabbro*.

To my colleague Ivan Sipkov, who succeeds me, I give my best wishes for the Journal.

Arno Liivak  
Editor-in-Chief

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To the International Bookshelf Readers:

This is the last issue for which the present Section Editor has been responsible. On leaving this position after five years of interesting and increasingly more demanding service to the *IJLI*, I would like to express my warmest thanks and deep appreciation to all contributors of The International Bookshelf for their most valuable collaboration. My sincere thanks go also to the many publishers who sent book review copies to the *IJLI* in ever-increasing numbers. May the International Bookshelf continue to grow in quality, importance and usefulness to members of the IALL and other colleagues in the legal profession.

Adolf Sprudz  
Associate Editor

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