

INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1900, Stetson University College of Law began as a private law school focused on preparing students to become ethical and competent members of the legal profession. As such, Stetson provides a challenging educational experience coupled with an awareness and appreciation for social responsibility. This goal of excellence remains constant as Stetson celebrates its centennial year. In this issue, the *Stetson Law Review* revisits highlights of the last 100 years to commemorate such a notable event. The pieces are arranged roughly in chronological order by the dates of the subject matter to provide the reader with a clear picture of Stetson's transition from Florida's first law school to one of national distinction.

This Centennial Celebration Symposium takes the reader on a journey through the lives of three of Stetson's remarkable deans, each a Renaissance man in his own right. A perusal of these articles provides insight into the conflicts these men faced as they shaped Stetson into the cutting edge law school it is today. Additionally, this issue contains two distinct perspectives on Stetson's pioneering efforts to provide law students the opportunity for hands-on legal training, culminating in a student practice rule allowing for trial participation through clinical programs. Further, over the last ten years the *Stetson Law Review* published a series of articles by Professor Thomas C. Marks, Jr. that discuss the balancing of interests in constitutional law. This issue provides the next installment in the series, which evaluates the status of the law as we begin the next millennium. Finally, a look at Stetson University College of Law's history would not be complete without evaluating the trial advocacy program and the first thirty years of the *Stetson Law Review*, both of which have contributed immensely to Stetson's reputation as a premier law school.

As we reflect on the past 100 years of Stetson, we celebrate all that has come before. But, the next 100 years will inevitably bring change, and we must look forward — to the future. This past spring, the *Stetson Law Review* adopted the *ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation* and chose this issue as the premier issue. As such, the pieces in this Centennial Celebration Symposium conform to the new ALWD citation rules. Additionally, in the last year, two notable speakers have addressed the College of Law community with messages regarding the decisions people make

choices.

The *Stetson Law Review* would like to thank all who shared their memories of Stetson's first 100 years. This look back presents a fountainhead for Stetson's future success.

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