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INTRODUCTION

I am proud to introduce this inaugural issue of The Journal of Intellectual Property. The Journal's mission is to present both in-depth analyses of fundamental issues affecting intellectual property rights and timely, succinct summaries of significant IP cases. This issue represents a first, major milestone in accomplishing those objectives.

The hard work and dedication of the Chicago-Kent law students who served on the Journal this year have resulted in an outstanding achievement. I congratulate both the students and the school for the major accomplishment that this issue represents. I feel honored to have been a part of the team that crafted the following pages. I look forward to the opportunity to work on future issues in the tradition now started by this year's editors and staff.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Board is proud to include in its Inaugural Edition four Comments written by a very diverse and distinguished group of authors. The utility and insightfulness of the Comments is readily apparent, even upon a cursory reading. The Board would like to thank each one of the four contributing authors for their time, accommodating temperaments, and patience.

The 1998-1999 Editorial Board was comprised of nine dedicated individuals, and while small in number, it had the spirit and work ethic of one hundred. This Inaugural Edition was made possible through the Board's relentless drive and willingness to make sacrifices along the way to benefit The Journal.

Finally, to Professor Bradley Hulbert, whose guidance and constant encouragement carried us to this point in time, we thank you.

Elayna T. Pham
1998-1999 Editor-in-Chief
February 28, 1999

DEDICATION

I am honored that The Journal of Intellectual Property has asked me to write this dedication for its inaugural issue. As one of The Journal's co-founders, I am excited that the goal of a small group of dedicated and hard-working Chicago-Kent intellectual property students five years ago has become a successful reality. While the realization of this goal could not have occurred without the immeasurable dedication and fortitude of current and past Editorial Boards and staff members, the following individuals deserve special recognition and thanks for their insight and determination in starting The Journal on its path to success: Joel Bootzin, Enrique Perez, Ralph Krisher, Scott Smilie, and Roger Zimmerman. Dean Richard Matasar, Dean Stuart Deutsch, Assistant Dean Stephen Sowle, and Professor Bradley Hulbert also deserve special thanks in providing The Journal with the faculty support it required in its formative years.

I look forward to The Journal's continued success and again thank all that played a role in bringing The Journal to this point.

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