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## CHICAGO-KENT DEDICATION SYMPOSIUM

### FOREWORD

Moments of great change occur rarely. Chicago-Kent College of Law reached one of those rare moments when it moved to a new building in January of 1992. Spaciousness and beauty of new surroundings alone would have marked an important break from Chicago-Kent's past. But the melding of aesthetics with the law school's unquenchable desire to provide a cutting-edge legal education to every student gives true value to the move. Chicago-Kent has finally found a home to match its aspirations and program, a place where innovation, thoughtfulness, and ambition can thrive.

1992 is Chicago-Kent's dedication year—dedication of a new building and dedication to the law school's mission: to educate young lawyers and expand society's knowledge of law. In keeping with the quest for change and improvement, this issue of *Chicago-Kent Law Review* inaugurates a new cover and design. More importantly, for the first time in its history, the *Review* focuses exclusively on members of the Chicago-Kent law faculty.

With no greater direction from me than to "be interesting," I asked Chicago-Kent faculty members to set the intellectual tone for our dedication year. What we have produced is an outstanding collection of essays that inform, describe, challenge, and provoke. I can think of no greater celebration of our new home than contemplating the diverse and stimulating thoughts of our faculty.

The authors of these essays took seriously the charge to "be interesting." Fortunately, they did much more as well. Working closely with each other, Chicago-Kent faculty members found several common scholarly threads in their legal and educational views. Thus, this dedication issue of the *Law Review* is more than the sum of individual parts. The faculty have produced a series of interconnected papers that together illustrate a wide-range of shared intellectual thought at Chicago-Kent.

From international law to environmental studies, from jurisprudence to legal education to a potpourri of reflections on our complicated system of laws, this issue of *Chicago-Kent Law Review* never ceases to stimulate. Enjoy!

*Richard A. Matasar*

