A Tribute to the Members of the Villanova Law Review

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I had the rewarding and interesting assignment of serving as the faculty advisor to the Villanova Law Review for Volumes XVII to LIX, which spanned forty-three years. I had a great assignment because my function was to establish a supportive working relationship with the editor-in-chief and executive editor of each volume of the Law Review. While ensuring adherence to law school policies was part of my job description, most of the time I was a resource to be sought out for guidance and possibly a little help in getting things done within the law school.

The new Editorial Board for each volume went forward enthusiastically with an agenda for collaboration and success only to find that running a student law review is a series of accomplishments; production snafus; complicated interpersonal relationships; and time consuming. Every academic year was a period of growth for both the second- and third-year students on the Law Review. The improved capacity of the second-year students to write serious legal analysis and otherwise contribute to the Law Review was obvious, and the third-year board members became more efficient and skillful in managing the Law Review.

This short description of the work of the members of the Law Review before, during, and after my service as advisor is the background for the thanks I convey personally and on behalf of the Law School to every student who has served on the Law Review. The sixtieth anniversary of the Law Review is a fitting time to recognize their dedication and the quality of their efforts.

A special thanks also to the large and talented group of Villanova Law School staff members who provided many forms of support to the Law Review with dispatch and generosity.

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