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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND INTRODUCTION

BY THE BOARD OF EDITORS OF VOLUME I

**T**HIS Issue marks the culmination of twenty months of hard work from conception to publication. This first Issue reflects the thousands of hours that all of the people mentioned within these pages have volunteered so that we could produce the *Forum*. We thank each person who has contributed to this publication: the Board of Editors and Staff Members listed on the masthead; our predecessors; our advisors; the faculty, administration and staff of Villanova University School of Law; the *Villanova Law Review* and the *Villanova Environmental Law Journal*; the library staff; the students; and our friends, families, spouses and partners who no doubt have endured far too much of our complaints, stress and fatigue.

This Issue grew out of an idea first proposed by the founders of the Villanova Sports & Entertainment Law Society in 1991. The Society was founded at Villanova in 1990. The idea of publishing a scholarly journal was expressed by many members of the society, so this effort commenced.

The Society's founders, along with several members of Volume I's Board, began assembling several articles and a proposal for the faculty in the Fall of 1992. After reviewing the Sample Draft Issue and the comprehensive 100 page *Proposal for Adding A Villanova Sports & Entertainment Law Journal as an Official Publication of Villanova University School of Law*, the faculty gave us provisional approval to publish the *Forum*. We are the third academic publication at Villanova. We have copies of the *Proposal* on file in the *Forum's* office for interested parties to peruse. After forming this Board and choosing the initial Staff in the Fall of 1993, we began the process of publishing.

Our goal, reflected in the *Proposal*, is to publish a high-quality academic journal that will accomplish the following goals. The *Forum* will significantly aid the sports and entertainment legal commu-

nities through the publication of informative articles on recent developments in the law. The *Forum* will serve as an interpretative guide for practitioners, academics and students on issues of law in the sports and entertainment fields. The *Forum* will serve as a research tool for the legal community. The *Forum* will explain the significance of recent changes or developments in the law. The *Forum* will provide a forum for conflicting viewpoints. The *Forum* will publish articles that address the future of the law and assess changes or challenges. The *Forum* will contribute to the growth and development of its Members.

The *Forum* will publish scholarly articles on a wide variety of issues. Some areas of the law that we will cover are: First Amendment jurisprudence; communications; copyright and trademark; obscenity; media; tax; corporations as they relate to entertainment and sports; contracts; ERISA; education; torts; products liability in sports; spectator liability; gaming; antitrust; equine; professional responsibility and privacy issues. This list is far from exhaustive, but it demonstrates the comprehensiveness of the sports and entertainment law fields.

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We pledge our commitment to publish a high-quality academic publication. We invite authors in the field who share our goals and ideals to submit their manuscripts for publication. We also invite you to subscribe to the *Forum* to receive future Issues.