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## From the Editor

After some eight years as co-editor with Rayman Solomon of the *American Bar Foundation Research Journal* and editor of *Law and Social Inquiry*, my resignation from the editorship takes effect with this issue.

I have been privileged to be associated with the journal during years of significant change. Ray Solomon and I became editors when the shift of the *American Bar Foundation Research Journal* to a refereed journal was newly established by Tom Davies. Together with our editorial colleagues, we have sought to develop *LSI* into a lively, first-rate journal of law and social science.

*LSI* has published a unique combination of theoretical and empirical articles coupled with extended reviews of important books and issues in the sociolegal field. Our encouragement of extended, controversial, and sometimes daring articles has been accompanied in recent years by a greater frequency of commentaries and debates around especially significant articles. Our goal has been to nurture energetic and learned exchanges around key issues and theoretical problems. By changing the name of the journal to *Law and Social Inquiry* we also signalled our openness to creative inquiry in the broad range of social sciences and law, including history and economics, as well as philosophical, linguistic, and other perspectives on law from the humanities. In 1990, *LSI* entered into association with the University of Chicago Press as a publisher of distinguished journals, especially in law and the social sciences. Building on this symbiosis of lists and interests, the Press is committed to marketing *LSI* aggressively to scholarly, institutional, foreign, and legal audiences.

My rewarding period as editor has been made possible by the stimulating contributions of several associate editors from the ABF, including Ian

Ayres, John Donohue, Bill Felstiner, Art McEvoy, Beth Mertz, Susan Shapiro, and Peter Siegelman. I am also indebted to the support, insight, and reviews provided by our distinguished editorial board. In earlier years, Bette Sikes, and more recently, John Atkinson, have provided first-rate administrative support as journal managers. Throughout my entire editorship, Howard Erlanger has continued his superb editorship of the review section, most notably in the acclaimed review symposiums he has created around major new books and reports on law and legal institutions. The journal has flourished due to the strong support from ABF directors Jack Heinz, Bill Felstiner, and Bryant Garth, all of whom have given the journal complete editorial autonomy. Finally, I express my appreciation to the many authors and reviewers who ultimately have determined the quality and vitality of the journal and given it the edge that so many of you have commented upon.

*LSI* advances energetically into the future with the appointment of three new editors with whom I have been fortunate to work closely over the past two years. A lawyer and anthropologist, ABF Research Fellow Beth Mertz specializes in the language of the law, and she is currently engaged in a major study of legal education. Art McEvoy is both a lawyer and historian. In addition to his ABF research on the history of industrial safety causation, he is associate professor of history at Northwestern University. Peter Siegelman is an economist at the ABF and his current empirical work focuses on Title VII and discrimination in the labor force. Together, their interests range widely over the interdisciplinary domain that constitutes sociolegal studies. All those who know these scholars will eagerly anticipate the prospect of the journal as a place to turn to all the more for ideas, research findings, reviews, critique, debate, and commentary.

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This special issue will be jointly edited by Lisa Frohmann, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Elizabeth Mertz, American Bar Foundation. The Special Assistant to the Editors for the issue will be Diane Clay, American Bar Foundation.

We would like to see initial abstracts describing work in progress by March 15, 1993. (If full articles are ready before or at that time, please feel free to send them.) The deadline for completed submissions will be June 1, 1993. All submissions will be peer reviewed following standard journal policy.

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