

# PREFACE

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## INTRODUCTION BY THE DEANS

I wish to congratulate the members of the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* (the *Journal*) on the occasion of the inaugural publication of that periodical. These students have worked diligently to raise all the funds necessary for publication from private sources, a feat which many thought could not be accomplished. Their perseverance and determination is an inspiration in a day and age when students have been subject to criticism for not being serious about their education. These students' efforts were completely voluntary and at many turns in the road they not only received no encouragement, but were positively discouraged from this undertaking because of the fiscal problems inherent in establishing a new journal of this nature. I am proud to say that they have made believers out of the doubters and they deserve recognition for accomplishing, so to speak, the impossible dream.

If the establishment of a new journal were merely for the benefit of the readers, the members of the *Journal* could be proud of their efforts. However, I view the establishment of this journal as an additional opportunity for the present members and others who work on it to further their education in a vital and important area of law. The opportunity for students to do research and publish the results is really an opportunity for obtaining a superior legal education. I believe the hard work and dedication of these students will stand them in good stead as a practical matter because, in the process, they will have further developed those necessary analytical and communication skills that are so important in resolving problems that they will encounter as members of the legal profession. I am proud of their efforts and I believe that they bring great credit not only to themselves but also to the College.

I wish the editorial board success in their continuing efforts to publish the *Journal* on a regular basis.

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Publication of the inaugural issue of the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* is a significant event for the State of Arizona. As we become more aware of our geographical orientation and the opportunities for positive ties with other nations, we rely upon articles and the *exploration* of issues from quality sources such as the *Journal* to assist and to clarify our understanding. There is an obvious and increasing need for a knowledge of the laws of other countries as trade, travel, personal exchanges and business negotiations expand. Further, with a large population of Hispanic citizens, the State of Arizona has a natural affinity with Latin America which will become even more important in the years ahead. For these reasons, an international law review is appropriately based in Arizona.

I am impressed that the publication was conceived and brought to reality through student initiative, and this fact makes the undertaking even more impressive. The interest of those studying law to expand their horizons in the international field bodes well for their future effectiveness as members of the legal profession and as citizens. By their action, they have provided a new vehicle for the communication of scholarly work in comparative law, and, consequently, a service not only to Arizonans but also to persons throughout the country.

In behalf of the faculty and students of the Arizona State University College of Law, I extend best wishes for the continued success of the *Journal* and congratulations to all who have contributed to its introduction.

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