

## EDITOR'S PAGE

As we begin our fifth year of publication, the *Review's* growing pains are subsiding and it is an opportune time to reiterate some of our standards. We are publishing our Fall issue during the Fall Semester, in the belief that a professional, scholarly journal should be timely, that is, based upon a reliable publication schedule. In addition to timely publication, the *Review* is committed to technical accuracy, relevant subject matter, and quality writing. A practical corollary to these standards is providing access to our articles as research materials. Accordingly, we will publish a cumulative five-year index in our Spring issue. Also, we should note that both the Index to Legal Periodicals and The Revised Code of Washington Annotated are indexing our issues. We are also able to be more discriminating in choosing our articles and have attempted to produce a mix of practical and theoretical topics of national and local interest. This issue, as well as future issues, should reflect these standards.

The issue begins with Senator Talmadge's analysis of the new Washington State Tort and Product Liability Reform Act. As the sponsor of the bill and a respected practicing attorney, he brings a unique perspective to some of the problems and purposes of this important legislation. Next, Professor Riga's discussion of capital punishment addresses some of the universal problems our society faces in deciding whether to take the life of another person. In a more local setting, Professor Welker discusses some of the jurisprudential problems with the Washington State Supreme Court's decision in *Wyman v. Wallace*. He analyzes the case in terms of some persistent problems with the appropriate role of courts in deciding social issues and with court membership as a variable in the decision-making process. Finally, there is a necessary and desirable continuity in any law review, and this issue contains the last in a series of articles discussing the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act. As attorneys with the Bonneville Power Administration, James Luce and Janet McLennan bring considerable expertise to their consideration of the procedural, administrative, technical, and legal factors involved in "acquiring" energy resources under the Act. The PNEPPCA articles were originally scheduled for publication in volume 3, number 2, as a "Sympo-

sium," but vagaries of the legislative process prohibited publication and the issue was cancelled.

The student articles in this issue are also diverse and should appeal to distinct audiences. Initially, we present a survey of Indian treaty fishing rights in the context of the Pacific Northwest fishing controversy. The issue concludes with a comment analyzing the Aldisert Committee proposals for handling state prisoners' civil rights complaints.

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