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NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW

During the 2007–08 school year, the NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW oversaw the publication of three issues for Volume 38: No's. 1 and 2 contained articles from scholars around the country; No. 3 was a student-articles issue composed chiefly of case notes analyzing recent New Mexico court decisions.

LAW REVIEW articles in this period covered a wide range of pressing legal and public policy issues, including the death penalty, immigration, hazardous waste cleanup, intellectual property, consumer law, Indian law, and the protection of archaeological resources. They also addressed issues of particular interest to legal practitioners, including civil procedure, evidence, and criminal procedure. Some of these pieces were cross-disciplinary studies explaining the implications of recent developments in cognitive psychology for established legal doctrines. Of special note for this period, our second issue was dedicated to Professor Jim Ellis for his long career of work on behalf of individuals with mental disabilities.

For the student-articles issue, each LAW REVIEW staff member submitted a scholarly article of publishable quality. Working closely with two student editors and a faculty advisor, each staff member developed a theme, carried out a research plan, and completed a full-length scholarly work. These articles covered topics from constitutional torts to the financing of art; many were based on an analysis of cases decided in the state.

On other fronts, noting that the LAW REVIEW receives thousands of article submissions annually, this year we instituted a “paperless” article review system, eliminating the need to print every submitted article. Further, the REVIEW organized, along with the NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL and the TRIBAL LAW JOURNAL, the second annual Journal Appreciation Reception. Finally, the UNM journals collaborated on 1L recruitment efforts, an endeavor that builds on the cooperative relationship the three journals’ participants traditionally enjoy.

The 2007–08 publications were the result of hard work on the part of the LAW REVIEW student members, as well as our faculty advisor, Michael Browde, our longtime publication administrator, Susan Tackman (now retired), our new administrator, Lynne Arany, and our business manager, Jessica Leary.

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