

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We are delighted to include in this issue of the *Vermont Law Review* reflections entitled *Legal Education in Vermont* by Maximilian Kempner, Vermont Law School's fifth Dean, who retired from that post after five years of service in July 1996. We extend our appreciation and congratulations to Dean Kempner for expert guidance of Vermont Law School during an important period of growth and maturation. Dean Kempner brought to our school wisdom from a distinguished career in law, an infectious good nature, and eloquence at every turn.

We feel fortunate that Dean Kempner and his wife, Paige, have decided to continue to live near Vermont Law School, and that Dean Kempner plans to teach there next year.

We are also proud to present in this issue five articles resulting from our symposium, co-sponsored by the *Vermont Law Review* and Dartmouth College, entitled *Stewards of the Land: Indian Tribes, the Environment and the Law: An Interdisciplinary Symposium Exploring the Special Role of Native American Tribes in Environmental Protection and Conservation*. The event took place on both the Dartmouth and Vermont Law School campuses on October 15-16, 1995. As Vermont Law School Professor N. Bruce Duthu describes in his introduction to the symposium articles, the event brought together highly prominent tribal members, scholars, practitioners, and representatives of the federal government to explore the particular role of tribal governments in the protection of the natural environment. The two-day event was an unqualified success. We again thank all participants in, and organizers of, the symposium.

Five participants in the symposium have prepared thoughtful articles for inclusion in this book. Professors Duthu, Monette, Pommersheim, Tsosie, and Mr. Suagee have each explored with perceptive analysis distinct parts of the nexus of tribal and environmental law and policy. For their many efforts, we extend our thanks.