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For nearly 10 years, the Mineral Law Center at the University of Kentucky College of Law has published the *Journal of Mineral Law & Policy*. Effective July 1, 1992, in recognition of its increasing diverse national and international readership, the *Journal* was renamed and will continue as the *Journal of Natural Resources & Environmental Law*. Along with the new cover comes a broad perspective on conservation, environmental management, natural resources law, and the mineral industry. The new name only reflects the wide range of topics in law, energy and environmental studies, tax planning, natural resources policy, and professional responsibility actually published by the journal since its creation. The retitled *Journal* also displays the Editorial Board's assumption that resolution of natural resource problems requires a balancing of law, science, policy, politics, economics, and culture. Even with its new look, the *Journal* will remain a forum for practitioners, academicians, and policy-makers throughout the United States and abroad. Discussion pieces, descriptions of creative solutions to persistent problems, and commentary on policy and politics will continue to be welcomed.

As the *Journal* begins a new chapter, the Editorial Board regretfully also must announce the end of another. Effective July 1993, Professor David C. Short, Director of the Mineral Law Center, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal, will step down to become Dean of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. A veteran of private practice and public service, Professor Short has led the *Journal* since its beginning, attracting funding in tough times, soliciting articles throughout the world, and promoting quality at every turn. Professor Short's wisdom will continue in his absence.

Others deserve the *Journal's* thanks at this point as well. Long-time supporter Professor John Batt will continue with his sage imprint on the journal. Still other UK law faculty contributing to the *Journal* over the years—in particular, Professors Carolyn Bratt, Martin McMahon, Richard Underwood, and Steven Vasek—deserve special thanks for their vision and support.

In continuing the *Journal's* wide-ranging focus on tough natural resource and environmental problems, this issue provides an

examination of water quality regulation on Native American lands by two San Francisco attorneys; an analysis of the transnational movement of hazardous waste by a second-year Harvard Law student; an investigation of acid rain legislation by two Lexington attorneys, and consideration of key contractual provisions in European petroleum law by two Scottish barristers, one now a Cornell Law Professor. Equally as impressive in this issue are the works of several University of Kentucky law students on artificial wetlands, judicial review, asbestos removal, and, in recognition of the *Journal's* heritage, the scope of surface mining regulation.

Few law schools can boast two quality law reviews. Even fewer can point to one aimed at improving the state of the environment. The University of Kentucky College of Law can do both. And as the natural environment becomes an issue of sobering national and international concern, the journal will continue to expand its readership, diversify the range of issues addressed, and publish useful materials for academics and practicing attorneys alike. Comments on this direction are welcomed.

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