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We are grateful for the opportunity and honor of editing the renowned Texas Survey. We are continually amazed at the depth and breadth of insight and analysis that it provides to Texas law practitioners each year. In addition to the numerous articles in a variety of fields, the authors' works are well researched to provide unique commentary on the state of the law in Texas. Our aim with this issue was not only to review recent statutes and decisions in various areas of Texas law, but also to provide more in-depth analysis of developments to benefit practitioners. We believe that this Survey does just that.

We are excited to welcome three new articles to this year's Survey: Local Government and Municipal Law, Professional Liability, and Business Torts. And as always, we are honored to welcome back the notable authors that for many years have contributed the highest quality of research and writing to the Survey, without which, we would be hard-pressed to continue our tradition of excellence. We are indebted to our office manager, assistant, and friend, Sharon Johnson, for her tireless dedication to the Survey; our advisor, Professor Tom Mayo, for his guidance; the law review staff for their hours of work—even during the summer months—and especially those who eagerly helped us test our new electronic cite-checking procedure; and to the Starbucks staff for keeping us energized through many late nights and early mornings of editing. We will miss the Survey but will always look back at the friends and memories made along the way and remember them fondly.

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