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Law must be stable and yet it cannot stand still.

—Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo

his 32nd Annual Survey of Texas Law brings together in one journal important developments in twenty-three diverse areas of law. Each article, written by a distinguished practitioner or academic, provides an overview of the past, explains legislative and caselaw changes, and points to the existence of problems that remain. Whatever your interest, I believe you will find this edition of the SMU Law Review to be a valuable and useful work of scholarship.

In law, certitude is elusive, if not impossible. Today we all remain students searching for justice—taking no great leaps but able to adapt past precedent to cover new circumstances. I commend those who contributed to the *Texas Survey* for their work and assistance in this search.

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