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# INAUGURAL ISSUE OF *SMU LAW REVIEW*

## PREFACE

IT is with considerable pride that the Southern Methodist University School of Law presents the inaugural issue of the *SMU Law Review*. The *SMU Law Review's* predecessor, the *Southwestern Law Journal*, served the Law School and the legal community extremely well for over 40 years. In Texas it is particularly noted for its Annual Survey of Texas Law, an important resource for Texas lawyers and legal scholars wishing to keep up-to-date with the latest developments and trends in Texas law. Our motives, however, for changing the name of the *Southwestern Law Journal* to the *SMU Law Review* are quite straightforward.

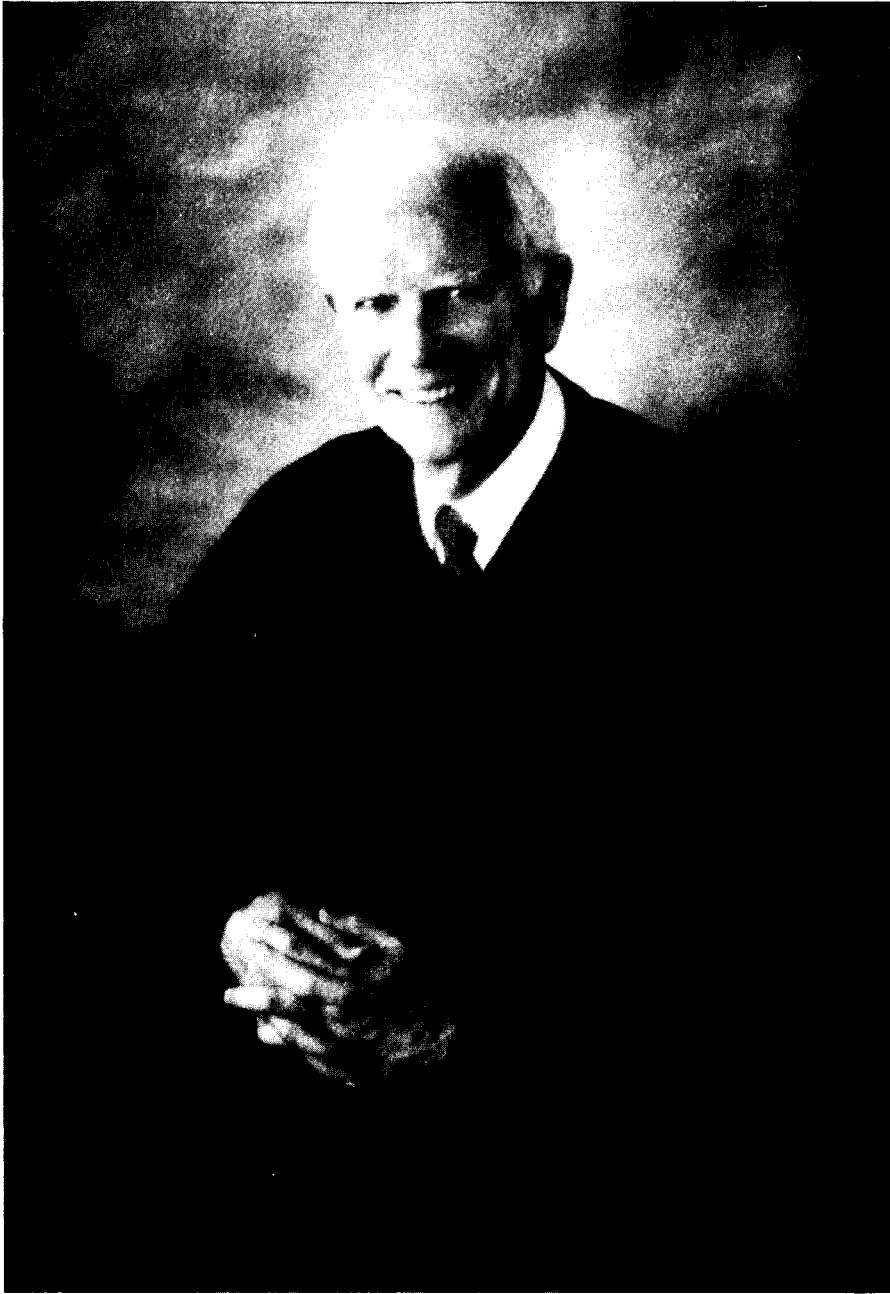
The *Southwestern Law Journal* took its name from the Southwestern Legal Foundation, which for many years was housed at the Law School. However, in the over twenty years since the Southwestern Legal Foundation moved from the Law School to other quarters, confusion about the place of publication of the *Southwestern Law Journal* has grown, particularly in other parts of the country. Many in the legal profession in more recent years were simply unaware that the *Southwestern Law Journal* was a publication of the SMU School of Law. Also, we came to realize that the SMU School of Law was one of the very few law schools in the country without a law review bearing its name. Thus, we hope that the change in name will end confusion and serve to identify more readily the publication with the Law School.

To aid in the transition and to ensure that the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, which also has long been published at the School of Law, retains the resources and stature that it has long enjoyed in its field, we created the SMU Law Review Association, which will publish both journals. And of course, the *SMU Law Review* will continue to publish the Annual Survey of Texas Law and feature an issue each year devoted to a symposium on an important contemporary legal topic.

The *SMU Law Review* could not have a more auspicious inaugural issue. It is most fitting that we begin with a tribute to Chief Judge Charles Clark, retiring as Chief Judge of the fifth Circuit. Also, we have symposia on two fundamental and controversial issues within constitutional law, privacy and free speech, with articles and essays by leading constitutional law scholars and thinkers in the country today. I am confident that future issues will continue to contain notable articles, essays, and comments by prominent scholars and practitioners on topics vital to the law and to its relationship to our society and culture.

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