Present at the Birth: A Remembrance of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER

As one of the editors of the Section’s BULLETIN, the immediate predecessor of the THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER, and as Chairman of the Section immediately preceding the journal’s inaugural issue, I was present at the birth of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER. From that perspective, I am pleased to add a few notes on the origin and growth of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER.

In my last message as Section Chairman (July 1965), I said: “The Section is indeed well organized to accept the challenges and opportunities of the future in the complex of international legal affairs,” noting that my successor’s [Edward D. Re] qualifications as a practicing lawyer, teacher of international law, author of law books and law review articles, and as a high government official, assured the continuing growth of the Section. And, in the last issue of the Section’s BULLETIN (July 1966), Chairman Re announced that the successor to the BULLETIN, to be known as THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER, would appear in the fall of 1966.

With the assistance of Erwin N. Griswold, former Dean of the Harvard Law School, who was then the ABA Board of Governor’s liaison to the Section, the Section received some funding from the ABA for the initial publishing costs of the new quarterly, and in October 1966, the first issue of THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER was published. Its continuous publication of quality issues for the past twenty years is a tribute to the Section and the persons who have been most closely involved. The journal continues to play important roles, particularly in improving public and professional responsibility, and contributing to the ongoing development of professional competency.

As we look towards the next twenty years and the opportunities, chal-

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lenges and projects they may offer the journal, it may be well to recall those who comprised the original editorial team: Editor-in-Chief—Clifford J. Hynning; Associated Editors—Donald K. Duvall and James T. Haight; Board of Editors (assisting the above persons)—Joe C. Barrett, Max Chopnick, Victor C. Folsom, David M. Gooder, Harry A. Inman, Brunson Mac Chesney, Gerald J. McMahon and Edward D. Re; Departmental Editors—Eberhard P. Deutsch, who later served as Editor-in-Chief (Cases in International Tribunals), Theodore R. Kupferman (Congressional Affairs), William Harvey Reeves (Cases in National Courts), G. W. Haight (United Nations Affairs).

These, and those who followed in the production of the excellent materials in the quarterly, have earned the gratitude of the members of the Section for their devoted services in bringing THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER to its present position of international importance.