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This issue completes volume eighteen of the *Southwestern Law Journal*. Two significant changes were made in volume eighteen—the *Recent Decision* section was added and *Journal* notes were written in what we feel is a more coherent organizational form. Look for more changes beginning with volume nineteen, for the Board plans to critically evaluate many of its past policies with an eye toward improving both the form and content of future issues. The *Journal* would greatly appreciate your comments concerning all past and future changes and also your own suggestions for making the *Journal* a more usable instrument for our subscribers.

This spring the *Journal* will publish a symposium issue centered on products liability law. We think the list of authors who plan to contribute articles is impressive and that the material contained within the issue will be extremely useful to the attorney who practices in this field. The planned articles are: *Products Liability—Problems Pertaining to Proof of Negligence* by Page Keeton, Dean of Texas Law School; *Negligence of Design, Construction, or Directions for Use of a Product* by Dix Noel, Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee; *Strict Liability of Manufacturers* by John Wade, Dean of Vanderbilt Law School; *Assumption of Product Risks* by Robert Keeton, Professor of Law at Harvard University; *Judicial Allergy to Claims for Allergic Reactions* by Donald Farage; *Allergies and Other Reactions Due to Drugs and Cosmetics* by Charles Whitmore; *Preparation and Trial of Products Liability Cases* by John Hill; and *Why Defend?* by George Bushnell.

The *Journal* welcomes Saul W. Baernstein to Southern Methodist University Law School. Mr. Baernstein, a graduate of Texas Law School and a former briefing clerk for the Texas Supreme Court, has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Director of the Legal Aid Clinic.

The school recently has embarked on an ambitious program in the field of legal aid. A branch office located in a lower income group area of Dallas has been opened. The operation of the new branch is designed to provide more accessible legal assistance to the residents in that area and to expose the law student to the social and economic problems of this social stratum. In addition to the normal legal aid activities, those associated with this office will undertake a study of the need for legal counsel in welfare cases. It is hoped that this study will provide suggestions for the more orderly administration of the various welfare programs.

In addition to the new clinic, the Law School has joined in a pilot program to provide student assistance for court-appointed counsel in criminal cases. The two-pronged objective of the program is to lighten the load placed upon court-appointed counsel and to provide an opportunity for the law student to become intimately associated with the operation of the criminal law.

Robert Gist, Lord Chief Baron, announced the election of five persons to the Barristers. Second year men selected were Robert McCain, David McLane, and George Bramblett. Bill Cardwell and John Falconer were selected from the third year class.