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It is a pleasure for me to introduce a new publication for use by American legal scholars, the American Indian Law Review. The purpose of this new Review is to provide articles, notes, and comments pertaining to law affecting American Indians or having a relationship to the social and economic problems confronted by American Indians.

The Review will focus narrowly on Indian problems, and for this reason, it will have neither the scope nor the quantity of material contained in the typical law review. The quality of material published, however, and the careful collection of articles and notes for publication will provide a particular contribution to this area of the law. The Review urges the submission for publication of articles, notes, and comments which have particular relevance to the problems of American Indians.

The American Indian Law Review may occasionally depart from the norm in the materials which it publishes. Some of the articles and notes may not be written in traditional law review style, replete with footnotes and bearing distinct similarities from article to article. From time to time some articles will be published which are more in the nature of empirical research or first-hand knowledge or observations, or will be written by laymen who have particular awareness or knowledge relating to problems in certain areas of Indian life. In that regard, this Review will combine the non-traditional with the traditional.

Credit is due to Robert A. Fairbanks and Roy D. Folsom for the institution of this publication. Both are students of Indian descent enrolled in the University of Oklahoma College of Law. They conceived the idea, and they secured initial funding for the beginning of the American Indian Law Review. It is contemplated that other funding will come from private sources and that the Review will ultimately be funded from subscriptions, advertising, and possibly from state funds. It is their feeling and mine that the Indian heritage of the State of Oklahoma makes it particularly appropriate that University of Oklahoma College of Law students publish this Review. Moreover, as an educational device, it provides a valuable adjunct and addition to our Oklahoma Law Review, which was begun a number of years ago and which has served the needs of the school and the State as well as producing articles of national interest. Faculty assistance will be provided in connection with the materials submitted to this new Review for publication.
We are enthusiastic about the publication of the American Indian Law Review, and we solicit your support. We encourage our colleagues and associates at other law schools throughout the United States and those in private practice to lend this Review their support by subscribing to it and by submitting material for publication.

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