

INTRODUCTION

This issue is dedicated to Charles A. DeGrandpre in gratitude for his 40 years of service to the New Hampshire legal community as the author of *Lex Loci*. As he indicates in his interview in the following pages, he did it because he enjoyed writing, although he also did it because it helped fulfill his duty as an attorney to mentor others.

Also on the following pages, we provide excerpts of Charlie's columns from 1968 through 1980, selected as being representative of the many roles that the column and columnist played – indicator of significant developments in common law, a signaling role that certain opinions appear to break new ground or open new lines of discourse in the law; critic of decisions; and entertainer, finding the lighter side of the law.

Charlie's leaves large shoes to fill by any successor to the *Lex Loci* column. The *Lex Loci* column *will* continue. But in this new century, we are open to new approaches to the column and encourage new ways of approaching the

task of ongoing commentary on Supreme Court decisions.

The *Bar Journal* Editorial Board has solicited the Bar for potential candidates with the expectation that a permanent successor will not be chosen for at least a year. However, in the coming issues, you will see columns by at least two candidates. In the next issue, attorney David W. Ruoff of the Manchester office of Nixon Peabody will try his hand at the *Lex Loci* column.

Speaking of upcoming issues, the next issue, Fall 2009, will be overseen by *NH Bar Journal* Chair Michael DeLucia. The issue theme is “Hard Times” and an impressive roster of articles on bankruptcy, foreclosure, employment terminations and other timely topics will be covered. Following that, the December 2009 issue will be devoted to 20-year follow-up of the Gender Equality Survey, originally conducted in 1988.

– Dan Wise, Issue Editor