

# HONORED THROUGH ACTION: Commemorating the Fiftieth Volume of the *Arizona State Law Journal*\*

*“This law school, its faculty, and its students have, from the beginning, had a sense of mission. It is simply not good enough to do the old tasks well.”*

– Willard H. Pedrick, Founding Dean of Arizona State University College of Law

In 1969, the Arizona State University College of Law introduced its first official legal publication to the world: *Law and the Social Order*. At the time, the law school was still in its infancy—only operating for its second year—and Dean Pedrick considered the *Journal’s* publication a “near miracle.” Now publishing its fiftieth volume, the *Arizona State Law Journal*, once known as *Law and the Social Order*, has become one of the nation’s preeminent legal publications. It has been cited by courts throughout the country, including the Supreme Court of the United States, and the works of brilliant scholars, attorneys, and judges have found a home in its pages. We are grateful to the many sponsoring organizations, contributing authors, professors, and students whose hard work and support over the years have made the *Arizona State Law Journal* what it is today.

While the name may have changed, the aim of *Journal* has not. We are determined to serve as a dependable legal resource and to publish material that is both compelling and impactful. As part of this effort, we are introducing case briefs of recent decisions made by the Arizona Supreme Court on our website, [arizonastatelawjournal.org/briefs/](http://arizonastatelawjournal.org/briefs/). These briefs will include each case’s facts, procedural history, key holdings, and significance. We hope to offer yet another resource for the legal community and to avoid settling into the comfort and complacency of merely doing “the old tasks well.”

To close his introduction to the very first volume of *Law and the Social Order*—now the *Arizona State Law Journal*, Dean Pedrick shared the hope that its founders held for its future. They wished only for “the best efforts of succeeding journal members.” To those who have come before us, we know that you have lived up to that charge, and we are honored to continue building

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upon your accomplishments. To those who follow after us, we, like Dean Pedrick, wish only for your best efforts. Through your efforts, *Arizona State Law Journal* will continue to be better with each volume.

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