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INTRODUCTION

IN THE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS to the first edition of this *Journal* published one year ago, it was stated that the purpose of the *Journal* was to stimulate student involvement and scholarship in the fields of international and comparative law and to present our readers with informative, diversified, and current material of interest. One year later the *Journal* now reaffirms its purpose by publishing this section on forensic medicine. By doing so we not only reflect a growing student interest in this field, especially in this Law School, but also seek to fill a void in the field by providing a vehicle for students both to write and to publish material on forensic medicine. This particular task has never before been undertaken by an American student law journal.

We intend to publish lead articles, student notes, book reviews, and comments on any topic within the law which affects the physical well-being of man, for only by defining forensic medicine in this broad manner can we expect to succeed in our efforts to become a forum for members of the medical and legal communities throughout the world to discuss the truly international aspects and ramifications of forensic medicine and to learn of each other's methods of dealing with common problems.

Our first issue contains a series of articles written by recognized experts in forensic medicine from different parts of the world. These articles not only demonstrate the current "state of the art" in different countries, but also reflect the differences in opinion as to what forensic medicine is or should be, and from these differences emerges the reason for the existence of this section — to provide a means through which *all* interested parties can come to educate each other, and apply international expertise to cope with international problems.