

FROM WHENCE WE CAME

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The *UNB Law Journal* has come a long way since its first publication in December 1947 under the name *University of New Brunswick Law School Journal "Oyez Oyez"*, published by the University of New Brunswick Law Students' Society. The original objectives have changed somewhat. Our intentions were to have some messages by senior practitioners which would be of interest not only to the students but to the public as well, and also to enable students to participate in the writing of articles. The first edition had two sections: one for learned articles by "outsiders" only, and the other for articles written by students.

The publication discontinued the name "*Oyez Oyez*" in vol. IV, no. 2, April 1951. In January 1952, it dropped the term "School" and became the *University of New Brunswick Law Journal: The Student Publication*. In vol. VIII of May 1955, the reference "Student Publication" was removed and the official title became the *University of New Brunswick Law Journal*. Then in 1970, reference to it being published by the Law Students' Society was omitted. Finally in 1986 we find the current name, the *UNB Law Journal*.

The inspiration for the commencement of the publication was an article by B. K. Sandwell entitled "A Layman Looks at the Law and Lawyers".¹ I feel the article is still relevant. His comments, "[lawyers] are losing glamour. The profession probably needs a face-lifting" are even more apt today than in 1947. Unfortunately, his article was to a degree prophetic and the legal profession has done little to offset the prophecy.²

I am pleased that the *Journal* has carried on these many years. While the name has been varied to reflect the changing format, the students remain responsible for the *Journal's* assembly and publication, for which they are to be commended. It is now recognized as an academic publication somewhat different from the original intent but, as the saying goes, "great oaks from little acorns grow."

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¹(1947) 1:1 U.N.B.L.J. 5.

²*Ibid.* at 10.