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What—Another Law Review?

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Welcome, and not to just another law review, but to a journal devoted to intellectual property, and not just one branch of intellectual property, but intellectual property in all of its aspects, and in the round.

The founders of the *Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal* have shown great wisdom in their choice of subject matter and scope. As to subject matter, no sector of the world economy today possesses greater long-term significance than intellectual property; also, the persisting frictions between law, technology, and markets have produced an abundance of intellectual property issues in need of careful, scholarly analysis. As to scope, the virtues of comparative study underscore the *Journal’s* wisdom in taking all of intellectual property as its domain: as new technologies emerge, and new products seek out protection, the attributes of existing regimes must be weighed and compared against those of *sui generis* protection. It is not too much to hope that the *Journal’s* editors will seek out and encourage not only articles that compare legal regimes, but also ones that compare legal systems, for there is much to be learned — particularly in the United States, long a maverick in the international intellectual property arena — from the operation of other intellectual property systems around the world.

Locating the *Journal* at the University at Buffalo Law School makes very good sense. U.B. has a long tradition of teaching and

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scholarship in intellectual property law. When I arrived at the school in 1967 — a time when few law schools had full-fledged intellectual property courses — the introductory intellectual property course was already thriving in the capable hands of Thomas Buergenthal (now Judge Buergenthal of the World Court in the Hague). Teaching in the field continues to flourish at U.B., with close to a dozen courses offered annually in particular or allied fields. Also, the tradition of interdisciplinary work at the Law School should continue to serve scholarly pursuits in intellectual property law and policy.

So, congratulations to the founders of the Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal for so shrewdly capturing this important ground, and congratulations to you, the Journal's subscribers and readers, for perusing these pages where — now and, let us hope, for many years to come — important work will be published on these most important issues.