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Dear Editors of Volume 51:

You have asked for my comments on the Louisiana Law Review upon completion of its first half-century of service, with an eye towards the past, but more particularly, with a focus on its role during the next 50 years.

The first 50 volumes of the Louisiana Law Review have served as an invaluable legal resource for lawyers and judges, particularly on Louisiana's civil law provisions and traditions. Law students quickly learn and lawyers, judges, and their support staffs are constantly reminded of the worth of a good law review note or article. It has been so in the past. That it will be so in the future is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

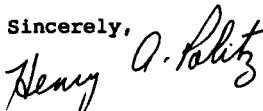
It is no overstatement to observe that the writings in the Louisiana Law Review, by lawyers in academia and those in the active practice, as well as by the student members, have had a marked impact on the understanding and development of Louisiana law. That was the hope of the founders. Their expectations have been exceeded.

In the next 50 years, and beyond, the challenge to the Review conceptually will be more of the same, to address the law and the never-ending effort to enhance it. The goals will be the same but the playing field will differ. The points of emphasis will be dictated by societal needs, for there is much to what a member of my law class once suggested in jest, that "the law is the lubricant of a just society."

The Louisiana Law Review will continue to have a special, indeed unique, component to its charge. It is the law review for the civil law center in the United States. The responsibilities inherent in that designation must be recognized and acquitted. The Louisiana Law Review must be the legal resource of scholarly thought and writing on Louisiana's rich civil law traditions and practices. I hope that the editorial staff and faculty will remain ever mindful of that trust.

With my very best wishes as you launch the first volume of the second half of the Review's first century of service.

Sincerely,



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