EDITORS' NOTE

In this issue, The American University Law Review commemorates the Washington College of Law’s Centennial Anniversary. Founded in 1896 by Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma Gillett, WCL has grown and thrived as a legal institution. As part of WCL’s centennial celebration, The Law Review has collected Essays from several of WCL’s former deans.

Although visions and priorities changed with each WCL administration, one theme clearly reverberates through these deans’ reveries: the constant quest to reach the pinnacle in legal education. From WCL’s modest beginning in Ellen Spencer Mussey’s law offices to today’s state-of-the-art facility, the deans’ Essays chronicle our long journey. Foremost in each dean’s mind, it seems, was the solid belief that WCL could scale physical obstacles, transcend ideological boundaries, and achieve new heights in legal scholarship.

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The words of Ellen Spencer Mussey, stated one hundred years ago, still inspire the editors of The Law Review: “The world belongs to those who go forth and work for it. The keynote of success is readiness for the opportunity.”