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From the Editor

A lot has changed since this magazine made its debut forty-nine years ago.

It's hard to imagine a *Yale Law Report* with no Class Notes, but in that first issue—which ran all of twelve pages—the editorial content consisted almost entirely of speeches given by the newly appointed dean of Yale Law School, Harry Shulman, and by Yale President A. Whitney Griswold. (Accompanying the speeches was a brief note from Associate Dean Jack Tate: “The Yale Law School has discontinued publication of the *Newsletter*. It has been succeeded by the *Yale Law Report*, of which this is the first issue...”)

Five years ago, we undertook a redesign and reconsideration of the magazine. We updated the design and typography, and added color and new editorial sections. This new direction was well received by our readers, but the *Law Report* staff recognizes that there are always opportunities for improvement!

So in this issue, we've “tweaked” the design to make some of the sections more accessible and visually attractive. We're also making efforts to link the content in the magazine with additional materials that can be found on the YLS website (www.law.yale.edu). Also, in response to your feedback (with thanks to all of you who returned the Reader Survey enclosed in the last issue), we're incorporating more of the editorial content you said you'd like to see. You told us you'd like to see more stories about YLS alumni, and in this issue, we have a profile of Larry Lucchino '71, who took over as president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox last spring. You also said you'd like more policy commentary from YLS faculty, and our cover story features Professor Michael Graetz's proposal for overhauling the tax system.

We hope that we're publishing a magazine you enjoy receiving and reading. And we're always looking for ways to make the *Yale Law Report* more interesting and useful to you. Your suggestions and comments are welcome: please call or write me at 203 432-4938 or elizabeth.stauderman@yale.edu.