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My father provided me with a wonderful approach to life: search for humor in all things and cling to it with tenacity. Law school has presented a challenge to that philosophy. After all, what is amusing about the situations we confront? Attorneys must face the most dire human tragedies. Legal scholars write articles that chart the way through these perilous straits of emotion. Law reviews by necessity contain materials that weigh heavily on the soul. Law does not often lend itself to laughter.

This year in particular has seemed difficult, as we struggle to understand the issues and implications raised by the Simpson trial. In a timely article, Professor Leroy Clark critiques Derrick A. Bell's thesis of the permanence of racism. Bell's emphasis on separatism brings apprehension, and to some, perhaps even resentment. Before exploring that serious topic, however, I could not resist my father's advice. Volume 73 begins, therefore, with a lighter piece, a satirical examination of relational contracts. As some anonymous soul once remarked, "We do not stop laughing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop laughing." While we cannot escape the solemn nature of the subjects we address, I thought we could at least begin with humor.

Finally, the last page in this issue offers words from an old conqueror. While challenges due to diversity remain, I hope that we can all grow closer together, not in war, but in love.

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