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SALUTE TO THE *Denver Law Journal*
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In the half century since the *Denver Law Journal* began publication, we have seen law explode into the most potent force our society knows. On the one hand, law has fueled social change. On the other hand, it has taken on an ever greater influence by changing views of the people's needs and entitlements. The result has been an escalating interaction: as people press the courts (the most accessible instruments of the law) for quick, active response, and as the courts deliver, the range of demands increases. In short, as the law responds to social needs the people's awareness of their needs and of the courts' capacities and willingness to respond grows apace.

Throughout its years of publication, the *Denver Law Journal* has attempted to reflect this interaction between law and social circumstance. Where once student legal periodicals tended to be speculative in approach and law-practice oriented, the emphasis in periodicals such as this one has shifted to the social aspects of the law.

This symposium probes a wide range of the most critical aspects of our legal institutions, of our modes of delivering legal services, and of our manner of educating for responsible professional activity, public and private. The editors have assembled an impressive array of legal scholars. Their discussions have been imaginatively planned so that they weave together into a tapestry that promises to produce important new patterns of ideas. This issue will make an important and, one can surely hope, enduring mark upon the law by providing a broad, informed perspective on what lies ahead for legal institutions and legal education.

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