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January 22, 1947.

My dear Dean Rasco:

This first issue of the Miami Law Quarterly coincides with the beginning of your first full term as a member of the American Association of Law Schools. Upon both achievements the bar association congratulates you.

We are very happy to join you in publishing a law journal which is responsible and scholarly and, at the same time, of practical every day value to the members of the Florida bar. We practicing lawyers, I fear, sometimes become so immersed in the day to day problems of our offices that we lose sight of the gradual development of the general principles of law. On the other hand, I suspect that scholars sometimes forget that the basic principles of our legal system are forged not in the study but in the court room by the contending blows of litigating counsel. Our association in producing the Quarterly will be of great mutual value. Out of the exchange of ideas between students, professors and active members of the bar should come a wider knowledge and understanding of the law for all of us.

This joint venture of a bar association and a school of law is, I believe, something new in the world of law journals. But we have a tradition here in Miami of success in projects that are new and untried elsewhere. I know the Miami Law Quarterly will be no exception.

With very warmest regards,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. LANE, *President*
Dade County Bar Association.

MIAMI LAW QUARTERLY

January 25, 1947.

My dear Mr. Lane:

We take pride in presenting in cooperation with the Dade County Bar Association this first issue of the Miami Law Quarterly. We believe that the Quarterly will fill a need, now felt strongly in this state, for a careful analysis of the law in many fields not yet covered by textbook or treatise. Furthermore, it is impossible in the usual textbook or encyclopedia to reflect promptly new developments in the law. It is our hope that this publication will become an important factor in the growth and development of the law of Florida, presenting legal problems as they arise and charting trends that are important to the practicing lawyer as well as the student.

We consider it to be the function of a law school, wherever situate, to contribute to the orderly development of the law. In the process of studying and comparing precedents, the faculty is in a unique position, uninfluenced by interest or pressure, to discern what is of permanent value and what is transitory in the decided cases. The discoveries thus made become the property of the bar eventually when students graduate and enter practice; but the utility of the law school is vastly increased when an opportunity for more immediate dissemination of faculty contributions to the development of law is presented through a publication, like the Quarterly, edited in close cooperation between those who study the law and those who practice it.

The importance of this undertaking to the law student must also be realized. What is done for the student is done for the future bar. The preparation of legal research for school purposes can never equal the preparation of material for publication in producing a sense of responsibility in the student. Writing produces exactness in habits of thinking. More than that, it requires the student to meet the practitioner and acquire his viewpoint. Many of you will be glad to open your offices and discuss briefs in the cases you have tried with these capable young men. In contact with them, you will also be able to judge their capabilities better than any board of law examiners.

The University of Miami pledges to the Dade County Bar Association full cooperation toward a successful fulfillment of the aims and purposes upon which the Miami Law Quarterly is founded.

Very sincerely,
RUSSELL A. RASCO,
*Dean of the School of Law,
University of Miami.*