

FOREWORD

On behalf of the 2001-02 Board, I am pleased to present the thirtieth volume of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Founded in 1971 in an era of awareness and interest in international law where many similar publications find their beginnings, the *Georgia Journal* is the brainchild of several motivated students of the University of Georgia School of Law and efforts by former Georgia Law professor and Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

The passage of these last thirty years maintained the ambitious goals established by the founders of the *Georgia Journal* aimed to make this publication pre-eminent in the field, while adapting substantively to the ever-developing domain of international and comparative law. Who could have imagined the events of the past thirty years and the significant legal changes resulting from the passage of this short period of time? The Cold War is over and many ex-communist states will soon be joining an enlarged and expanded European Union, terrorism and the events of 2001 continue to rewrite issues of world security and the rules of conventional warfare, globalization and the recently formed World Trade Organization increasingly serve to integrate the world's economies and remove barriers to trade, and environmental issues and attention to developing nations become increasingly important issues confronting the future of international law. Efforts to address these and many other legal issues and developments characterize the history of the *Georgia Journal*; the next thirty years will be no exception.

The channel for the diffusion of knowledge, understanding and insight and the forum for debate on legal issues continue to be of the highest priority for the students and faculty associated with the *Georgia Journal*. While the successes and accomplishments of this publication remain important mementos of the past, the founding purposes aimed at achieving high standards of excellence and that "intuitive feeling for what is genuine and imaginative" will always remain as guiding and inspiring goals for future issues of this esteemed publication. For those of you who played a role in the *Georgia Journal* leading to the achievement of this thirtieth volume, your efforts are very much appreciated and you are likewise congratulated for the realization of this milestone.

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