From the Editor: Many Perspectives Later...

After 12 years, 330 articles and just under 2100 pages, I am stepping down as Editor of Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing. It’s been a good run but it’s time for a new perspective.

I had the good fortune to follow in the footsteps of Frank Houdek, the superb editor of Volumes 3-8. I believe my successor, Elizabeth (Beth) Edinger, has Frank’s excellent judgment and gentle editorial touch as well as fresh ideas and boundless energy.

When Steven M. Barkan launched Perspectives in 1992, his goal was to provide a balanced forum that encouraged collaboration among teachers of legal research and legal writing, whether librarians or law teachers. Over time, this forum has grown as legal research and writing teachers recognize the role of collaboration in the professional formation of our students. Collaborations in the legal research and writing community abound. LRW teachers collaborate with one another. Librarians and writing teachers collaborate. Writing teachers collaborate with teachers of substantive courses, and with clinicians and the bar. Librarians’ collaborations have evolved from librarians teaching one-shot research sessions to being embedded in 1L and upper-level courses. And librarians collaborate with one another while teaching graded research courses. Perspectives’ role in fostering collaboration is alive and well.

Over the years Perspectives has changed its look and format. For instance, headers evolved from teal to turquoise to royal blue. More significantly, Perspectives moved to an electronic-only format in 2010, enabling us to embed live links in articles. Individual articles as well as the full run of Perspectives are available in PDF at <west.thomson.com/journal/perspectives>.

Twenty-two individuals have served with distinction on the Perspectives editorial board since 1992. I want to thank the board members I served with, along with the board members for Volumes 1 through 8.

**Perspectives Editors and Board Members, 1992-2012**

Steven M. Barkan, founder, editor, v. 1-2
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In addition, Perspectives has had the support of many Thomson Reuters West employees, including Anne Ellis, Melissa Hanson, Bill Lindberg, Brenda Anderson, Anne Kelley Conklin, and the sharp-eyed Ann Laughlin. Megan Anderson and Laura Kruse have recently joined the team. From the start, West Publishing (now Thomson Reuters) has published Perspectives as a service to the legal community.

Over the past twelve years, submissions have come from all corners of the U.S. and from abroad. While many authors teach in law school settings, Perspectives has also published articles by academic support specialists, law firm librarians, state or county or court librarians, judges, court administrators, writing consultants, assessment specialists, clinical teachers, career services professionals, and non-law faculty. As teachers and readers, we benefit from exposure to these multiple perspectives on teaching.

Finally, I want to thank our loyal readers. Before I joined the Perspectives editorial board in 2000, I was one of them, and now I rejoin their ranks. My goal was to continue providing a relevant, practical, reader-friendly forum for our community. Along the way, I’ve made my share of mistakes. The past few years have brought a series of personal challenges. I am grateful for the patience and forgiveness extended to me. I step away from Perspectives knowing that it is in good hands.

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