

INTRODUCING THE *STANFORD LAW REVIEW ONLINE*

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In 1948, Warren Christopher began the inaugural issue of the *Stanford Law Review* with a note establishing the purpose of the journal.¹ He set out the twin goals that have guided us ever since: the *Law Review* would seek to provide a valuable publication platform to lawyers and scholars, and an incomparable educational experience to law students.

In addition to outlining these goals, Christopher spelled out the following principles: “care, precision, and impartiality are vital; the economic, political, and social forces which mold the law deserve special emphasis; investigation of developing legal problems in advance of their widespread litigation is to be encouraged; readability is a necessity.”

Today, in announcing the launch of the *Stanford Law Review Online*, we still aspire to those high standards. This new site will offer a flexible outlet for the publication of short, original pieces of scholarship and commentary on timely legal topics. The aim is to produce pieces of law-review quality, with an Internet-quick turnaround between submission and publication. And while we have made tentative decisions about the nature of the publication, perhaps the most important feature of the *Stanford Law Review Online* will be its ability to evolve over time. We hope readers and authors will embrace this new form, and let us know how we can improve it moving forward.

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1. See generally Warren M. Christopher, *President's Page*, 1 STAN. L. REV. vii (Nov. 1948), available at <http://www.stanfordlawreview.org/warren-christophers-1948-presidents-page>.