

Introduction

Dear Subscribers & Friends,

This symposium issue is based, in part, on presentations and discussions held at the American Bar Association/Inter-American Bar Association (ABA/IABA) Conference on Development, The Environment & Dispute Resolution in the Americas: New Directions for the Private Sector, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on March 5-7, 1997. Tulane Law School Dean Edward F. Sherman attended this conference and lead a panel discussion on “Arbitration in the Americas.”

During the conference, ABA/IABA representatives approached Dean Sherman about the possibility of the *Tulane Environmental Law Journal (TELJ)* publishing articles written by conference speakers. In April of 1997, Dean Sherman asked the *TELJ* if it was interested in this endeavor and the *Journal* responded enthusiastically. After listening to recordings of the conference proceedings, the *TELJ* invited Eric Dannenmaier, Michael Mirande, and Kirk Rogers, to write about the topics on which they spoke.

The *TELJ* felt that Paul Barresi’s article “Beyond Fairness to Future Generations: An Intragenerational Alternative to Intergenerational Equity in the International Environmental Arena,” critiquing Georgetown Law Professor Edith Brown Weiss’s theory on intergenerational equity, also fit well. To create a forum for debate, the *TELJ* asked Professor Brown Weiss to reply to Mr. Barresi’s critique. The Summer 1998 issue of the *TELJ*, Volume 11:2, will contain Mr. Barresi’s rebuttal to Professor Brown Weiss’s reply. Finally, H. Edwin Anderson’s synopsis of the “Benchmark Draft of the Earth Charter” provides insight into how the international community is reacting to global environmental issues.

After a semester of diligent work, the members of the *TELJ* are proud to present Volume 11:1. We believe the articles within represent an articulate and thoughtful discussion about an increasingly important area of global environmental law—sustainable development.

Brett A. Sago
Editor in Chief