

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Mercer Law Review publishes the *Annual Survey of Georgia Law* to provide members of the legal community with a pragmatic synthesis of recent developments in Georgia Law. This fifty-fourth edition includes sixteen survey articles and two special contributions, all written by accomplished members of the bar and the academic community. This year, the *Georgia Survey* welcomes David A. Pope for this year's Business Associations contribution, Scott H. Michalove and Linda S. Finley for their Real Property contribution, and David A. Sleppy for his first Torts survey. The Mercer Law Review hopes that they will become a part of our tradition.

Additionally, the Mercer Law Review would like to reiterate our thanks to Professor R. Perry Sentell, Jr., for his continuing dedication to our publication. For forty years, Professor Sentell has contributed the Local Government article to the *Georgia Survey*, and I am proud to dedicate this issue of the Mercer Law Review to him and his work.

Thank you to our authors, both new and veteran, who have done an outstanding job producing both authoritative and practical articles covering their fields of law. We are confident that these articles will be informative and useful to the judges, practitioners, professors, and law students who form our readership.

I would also like to express my personal appreciation to the members of the Mercer Law Review for their tireless efforts, and who have risen to the herculean task of producing the largest *Georgia Survey* in our fifty-three year history. Special thanks are due to Publishing Coordinator Yonna Shaw and Administrative Secretary Cherie Jump for their continued commitment and their support to the staff each year.

Finally, I wish to thank all of our readers for affording me the privilege of serving as the editor of the fifty-fourth edition of the *Annual Survey of Georgia Law*.

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