

DEAN'S WELCOME

Last spring, the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law benefited from the creative and intellectual energies of the superb participants in the Dan B. Dobbs Conference on Economic Tort Law. Such events are high points in the academic year: They remind us all of the promise and power of professional-academy collaborations.

In the case of the Dobbs Conference, our enrichment and outreach goals were met in soaring fashion. The presenters were keenly insightful, the dialogue among participants was lively and thoughtful, and everyone in attendance had an excellent time enjoying each other and the beautiful Tucson surroundings. Thus, we are all grateful to Professor Ellen Bublick for spearheading the Conference, produced in collaboration with Lance Liebman, Elena Cappella and Mike Traynor of the American Law Institute alongside Ellen's former law firm, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. This team of planners brought together the right people in the right place at the right time to forge a conference that will make profound contributions to the project of law reform.

It also created a marvelous opportunity for us all to honor the unparalleled accomplishments of Professor Dan Dobbs, one of the academy's most distinguished and respected scholars. As everyone knows, Professor Dobbs is a nationally esteemed leader in both Torts and Remedies scholarship. Professor Bublick's *Tribute* in this issue captures well the familiar arc of his remarkable writing and teaching career. Less widely known but equally important is that Dan is a warm and wonderful colleague. Professor Bublick has experienced Dan's collegiality firsthand as his coauthor, friend, and fellow Torts traveler. They have written together, taught together, and otherwise engaged in intellectual exchange that has been uplifting for both of them. Indeed, Professor Bublick has herself emerged as one of the nation's most promising thinkers in the Torts field, and like Dan, she is an inspiring teacher and generous colleague. It thus seems especially fitting to recognize these two extraordinary professors together, under the umbrella of this terrific joint Conference and very special issue of the *Arizona Law Review*.

The desert is obviously perfect soil for great Torts scholars and great Torts conferences. We look forward to future collaborations among the partners who created the Dan B. Dobbs Conference on Economic Tort Law. Our thanks to all who came for the event, and to all who made this important gathering possible. We hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Arizona Law Review*.

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