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In 1954 the Boston College Law School celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation. In that year the Law School moved from its intown quarters to Saint Thomas More Hall, the new Law School building on the campus at University Heights. The anniversary year was also signalized by the initiation of the Law School's first regular legal publication, the ANNUAL SURVEY OF MASSACHUSETTS LAW.

European legal scholars have frequently paid tribute to two unique and highly valuable features of American legal education, the case method of instruction and the student-staffed law reviews. There are many excellent university law reviews in the United States, and they have been of substantial assistance to students and teachers of the law as well as to the practicing profession. However, in recent years a number of law schools have broken away from the traditional form of law review into other types of publications. An annual survey of the significant trends in the law of a given jurisdiction is one of these new types.

In addition to the ANNUAL SURVEY OF MASSACHUSETTS LAW, there are now seven other annual surveys of state law. The Boston College Survey thus joins a young and growing field of legal publications. It is our expectation that the ANNUAL SURVEY will provide critical training for our students and a valuable reference work for the practicing bar. It is our hope that it will help somewhat to bridge the gulf between the academic and the practicing professions. We trust that the members of the bench and bar will find it a contribution to the administration of justice in the Commonwealth.

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