

# WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW QUARTERLY

---

Volume XXV

DECEMBER, 1939

Number 1

---

## FOREWORD

1914 brought anarchy to the modern world. 1939, after brief and insecure escape, leads again toward chaos. Men of law have faith that order outweighs chance in the universe. A few, like Darrow, fight for law and liberty, though they cannot believe. Their courage is the greater. The fighter toward the goal attainable struggles with hope and joy. Who fights the hopeless cause fights twice, his adversary and himself.

This quarter century draws issue between law and force. One or the other will rule for decades, it may be centuries, men of law or men of war. We of the west have learned, I hope, that law and war cannot cohabit. Peace is the essential condition of our profession. The Quarterly's short life span has staked our all upon the issue we now face. We have need of Darrow's courage, more of faith that peace and law can win.

To that belief the Quarterly is dedicated. Without it, it would have no place. Quietly in the whirlwind it came. Born in crisis, it has struggled, often for its life, always for justice expressed in law. With the care and calm of reason, it has done its part. During twenty-five years men have made it; it, in turn, has made men. Through it the school whose purpose it reflects has become articulate. There is reason for pride in the records of both. It is fitting, therefore, to pause in salute to what has been done.

But the greater part lies ahead. And the harder one. Storm and battles are in the making. To do its share, the Quarterly must have not only material, but spiritual support. It must be free to survey the legal scene without regard to favor or influence from any source which would warp its work away from truth. As the silver anniversary lengthens toward the golden, we bespeak for it hope, courage, and the will to carry on in the tradition so well begun.

WILEY RUTLEDGE.†

---

† Associate Justice, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.