Foreword

It was not a new idea. With every issue, the need to organize the myriad of articles and photos that appeared in The Nebraska Transcript grew more acute and, with every issue, the task appeared more daunting. It took a librarian with the knowledge of how to guide people to find just what they’re looking for in reams of material to finally undertake the task. It took Sandy Placzek, who combined that knowledge with resourcefulness, acumen, gumption and love for the College of Law, to do the job.

Sandy’s Nebraska Transcript Indexes is a treasure. Nobody appreciates that more than I, having been associated with the Transcript for years as faculty advisor, editor and co-editor, and now as editor emeritus. I recall how I wished for such an index some years ago when I was composing a tribute to Professor John Gradwohl upon his death. Lacking a more convenient method, I was obliged to page through years of issues to find the highlights of his illustrious career. However, just as happened to Sandy while compiling her index, I found it hard to stay on task. Other stories about this wonderful institution and its people competed for my attention. Utilizing Sandy’s Indexes will prove just as diverting.

Even people whose connection with Nebraska Law are not as deep-rooted as Sandy’s or mine will find much to fascinate them in the pages of The Nebraska Transcript and the Indexes, either about the time they spent here or about the College of Law’s distinguished history. Among the College’s graduates are leaders in law, business, politics and philanthropy. General of the Army John J. Pershing and presidential speech writer Ted Sorensen are but two examples. Its scholars and teachers include such luminaries as Roscoe Pound, “Cocky” Robbins, Henry Foster, Fred Beutel, Edmund Belsheim, David Dow, Larry Berger, Richard Harnsberger and Harvey Perlman.

Some of these made their mark before the Transcript first made its appearance in November 1966. But they are in its pages and populate Sandy’s Indexes nonetheless. Some of the Transcript’s most fascinating articles are about the Law College’s history See, for example, The Formative Years: An Early History by Pamela B. Peck, v. 25, no. 2/3, Winter 1991 at 10.

The Transcript’s founder and first editor Robert Feder hoped the publication would widen and keep open the lines of communication between the College and its students and alumni. As it evolved from a black-and-white student-edited newspaper to a full-color magazine produced as part of the College’s alumni-relations effort, it has more than fulfilled Feder’s hopes. It reflects not only his vision but also the work of countless student editors and other contributors over the years. We can now put Sandy Placzek near the top of that list. She has made the treasures
contained in what she terms this “hidden gem” easily accessible. All of us connected with Nebraska Law are exceedingly grateful.

Thank you, Sandy.

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