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The Texas Law Review Launches the Dicta Project for Book Reviews

Austin, TX, June 9, 2011 – Today, the Texas Law Review launched a website to publish reviews of legal books, Dicta (www.texaslrev.com/dicta). This website—the first devoted only to legal book reviews—responds to the observed decline in law review publication of legal book reviews. This void was illustrated by Professor Sanford Levinson of the University of Texas School of Law in his essay, The Vanishing Book Review in Student-Edited Law Reviews and Potential Responses (87 Texas L. Rev. 1205 (2009)). While the top twenty law reviews devoted over 2,200 pages to book reviews in 1987–1988, they devoted less than half of this space to book reviews in 2007–2008.

The new Dicta website is designed to alleviate this problem, allowing professors and practitioners to share their thoughts and recommendations about legal books of interest through short reviews published online. Dicta is currently accepting proposals for online book reviews to be edited and published online during the 2011–2012 school year. Proposals, including a short abstract and CV, may be submitted to Stephen Fraser at dicta@texaslrev.com. More information about submissions is available at Dicta’s Guidelines page.

Dicta, like the Texas Law Review, is an independent operation, edited and published entirely by students of the University of Texas School of Law. The Texas Law Review was founded by Professor Leon Green in 1922 and published its first issue that year. The Texas Law Review now publishes seven issues annually, and its 90th volume will be published during the 2011–2012 school year.

For more information about Dicta, please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Fraser at dicta@texaslrev.com.

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