

Preface

The Best of The Business Lawyer: 75 Years of Corporate Law is a precious gift to the Business Law Section and its members, and I commend it to you. In this year when *The Business Lawyer (TBL)* celebrates its 75th anniversary, it is only fitting that Karl John Ege, Esq.¹ and John F. Olson, Esq.,² distinguished corporate lawyers, section leaders, and *TBL* editors, curated this body of work—selected articles on corporate law—from the archive of *TBL*, which originated in 1946. From chapters devoted to the role of the corporation in society and the business judgment rule to mergers and acquisitions and the role of corporate counsel, this assemblage presents not only outstanding scholarship from distinguished authors but also impactful and predictive works that have shaped business law in the boardrooms and courthouses of America for many years.

The magnitude and importance of this endeavor should not be underappreciated or undervalued. *The Business Lawyer* publishes four times a year, and its volumes span almost eight decades.³ Through this collection and coupled with the *TBL* editorial board's ongoing work to celebrate its 75th anniversary,⁴ our readers can view with revelatory amazement a partial, but significant, corpus of *TBL*'s contributions to corporate law.

In sum, this book is carefully constructed and edited to catalogue and to present some truly extraordinary scholarship, by and for business lawyers, that has withstood the test of time. The leadership of the Business Law Section is grateful for this service and for Karl's and John's longstanding dedication to our members. Enjoy.

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3. Karl John Ege, *The Business Lawyer: 75 Years of Serving the Profession*, __ Bus. Law. __ (2020).

4. See Patrick T. Clendenen, Penelope L. Christophorou, & Gregory M. Duhl, *The Business Lawyer at 75: Introduction*, 73 Bus. Law 1571 (2019).