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To the Reader:

The inaugural volume of the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy* represents a fundamental change in the nature of the Moot Court Board. Historically, the Board coordinated the trial and appellate competitions and assisted the Legal Practice Skills Department by researching the first-year writing assignments. After the LPS department reformed, however, the Moot Court Board's research services were no longer required.

The *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy* is a natural evolution of the Board. From its conception almost two years ago, the Journal was proposed not only as a scholarly exercise, but also as a useful tool for litigators. In addition to student pieces, future volumes will contain advocacy-related articles from faculty, practitioners, and judges. Suffolk University Law School is renowned for its advocacy training and Moot Court presence; the Journal will support and enhance this reputation within the law school and the legal community.

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