

A FOND FAREWELL FROM THE *DENVER LAW REVIEW*

In dedicating this issue of the *Denver Law Review* to the memory of Ved Nanda, professor of law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, we pay tribute to a beloved educator and extraordinary human being.

In 1964, Professor Nanda was chosen to serve as faculty advisor to the *Denver Law Review* (then titled the *Denver Law Journal*), a role he deemed “the most rewarding and enjoyable task at the College of Law.”¹ After his tenure as faculty advisor was over, Professor Nanda remained a long-time supporter of the journal.

Not only was Professor Nanda a faculty advisor for the *Denver Law Review*, but he also served as faculty advisor to the *Denver Journal of International Law & Policy* for forty years—from its founding in 1971 until 2017. Professor Nanda’s dedication to the Sturm College of Law’s legal publications was rooted in his observations of the “hard work, dedication, creativity, and passion of each team of editors; how they grow and develop competence, and pass the baton to their successors, who strive not just to match but exceed the depth and quality of the predecessors’ performance.”²

Evidencing his continued impact on the *Denver Law Review*, Professor Nanda was invited to write a tribute in honor of the journal’s fiftieth anniversary issue in 1973, and again fifty years later for its centennial anniversary issue in 2023. In both tributes, Professor Nanda lauded the efforts of the many editors who make up the journal, reminding us that “the *Law Review* is not a living being—it is the product of the untiring efforts of its editors and staff members who give it life.”³

For those who had the great privilege of knowing Professor Nanda, his words of affirmation and acknowledgement of the work done by law students will not come as a surprise. Professor Nanda was most known by his students as being exceptionally kind, supportive, and humorous. He leaves a legacy marked not only by his accomplishments in the field of international law, but also by his unflinching warmth and dedication to his students.

In honor of Professor Nanda, we include the following tributes speaking to his role as friend, mentor, and professor in this issue of the *Denver Law Review*. First, Professor Celia Taylor, Director and Nanda Chair of the Sturm College of Law International Legal Studies Program, reflects on

1. Ved P. Nanda, *Happy 100th Anniversary and Many Happy Returns to the Denver Law Review*, 100 DENV. L. REV. 1, 663 (2023).

2. *Id.*

3. *Id.*

Professor Nanda's mentorship and accomplishments in the international law field. Second, Professor Robert Hardaway, Sturm College of Law professor, shares stories of his long-time friendship with Professor Nanda. Finally, Amanda Spitzenberger, *Denver Journal of International Law & Policy* Editor in Chief and International Law Society Treasurer, and Sophia Vander Kooy, *Denver Journal of International Law & Policy* Articles Editor and International Law Society President, reflect on Professor Nanda's dedication to his students.

The *Denver Law Review* is eternally grateful for Professor Nanda's endless support—to know him was a joy, and to receive his guidance was an honor.

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