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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Some of you may have seen the newest addition to the University of Michigan's Law School building. It is multistoried, has a marvelous atrium, and is barely visible since it is almost completely underground. Only the sun-catching roof of the atrium pokes up above ground, disclosing its location. We also have, albeit modest, underground expansion plans, or should I say hopes. For the past few years the Law School's Building Committee has been pushing an addition to our building that would include an underground courtroom complex and faculty library. No atrium, no sun roof, just much needed facilities and space. So in December my hopes were raised when a backhoe ap-

peared on Bascom Hill and began digging a hole adjacent to the Law building. The hole got larger and larger, my hopes got higher and higher. Then, on the first day of exams, workers moved in an airhammer and I was forced to inquire about the purpose of the hole and how long the disturbing noise would continue. Alas, it was just a water main leak! No new offices, no new courtroom. But hope does spring eternal. Now almost two months after the hole was opened there is still no sign that it is about to be refilled. In fact, a plastic roof has appeared over it. Perhaps we can move fast and get squatter's rights (i.e., adverse possession). Even temporary space would be useful to us.

The photo on the back cover of

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\**CIVIL LITIGATION RESEARCH PROJECT FINAL REPORT*, by David M. Trubek, Joel B. Grossman, William L. F. Felstiner, Herbert M. Kritzer and Austin Sarat (DPRP, Madison, 1983).

The Final Report of the Civil Litigation Research Project (CLRP) describes this pioneering nationwide study of litigation and other forms of dispute processing and sets forth all findings to date. Drawing on a sample of terminated cases from federal and state courts in five states, the study looked at the incidence of civil litigation, available alternatives to litigation, and the costs of civil litigation in time and in dollars.

this issue shows registration activities in the lobby of the Law School. This scene was repeated in January as the second semester got underway. There were, however, no students in shorts this time, as Madison was locked in a typical registration week sub-zero spell. All of us who remember registration in the cold and snow, or hot and rain, will undoubtedly mourn the introduction of computerized registration. The entire University hopes to go to this system within a few years, and the Law School may serve as the guinea pig to test the system. As a veteran of 14 semesters of in-person registration, I hope the University at least lowers the flag on Bascom Hall to half mast in memory of this "quaint" custom.