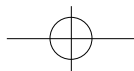
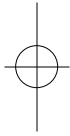
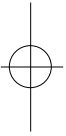
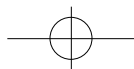
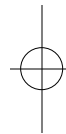
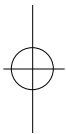


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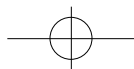
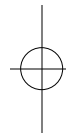
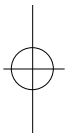
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—A.J.M.



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# Foreword

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Every so often, there appears in the pages of a law review an article or essay that is meant to be—and actually is—funny. Twenty-five of the best of these pieces are reprinted here. Because space limitations forced us to leave out many worthy candidates, we also have included a comprehensive bibliography. It is hoped that this approach will leave readers amused and informed.

A word should be said about our methodology. We excluded lawyer gaffes, jokes, poems, speeches, testimonials, and war stories; considered only previously-published materials, and then only if they appeared in a bar journal or law review; and gave preference to items appearing since Professor Ronald L. Brown's *Juris-Jocular: An Anthology of Modern American Legal Humor* (1989).

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