

# INTRODUCING THE *HOUSTON JOURNAL OF* *INTERNATIONAL LAW SIDEBAR*

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Dean George W. Hardy, III's 1978 introduction to the first Issue of the *Houston Journal of International Law* provides a glimpse of the *Journal's* humble beginnings as a small, student-funded endeavor.<sup>1</sup> Through its inspired, imaginative group of founders, the *Journal* took its first step towards the establishment for which Dean Hardy had hoped. Nearly 37 years after its inception, the industriousness on which the *Journal* was built begins a new chapter as it proudly announces the online companion to its print publication: the *Houston Journal of International Law Sidebar*.

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<sup>1</sup> See generally George W. Hardy, *Introduction*, 1 HOUS. J. INT'L L., at vi (1978).