One of the premier founders of the Arab Law Quarterly, William M. Ballantyne, passed away last fall. In addition to publishing an obituary and preparing a video, which will be disseminated in the near future on our social media sites (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook), the Board of Editors of the Arab Law Quarterly have decided to honor Professor Ballantyne with a special mentoring issue, currently scheduled to be published in Volume 38 of the ALQ. The Board felt that this was particularly appropriate in light of Professor Ballantyne’s deep dedication to mentoring legal scholars and practitioners throughout his career, including several members of the Board itself.

The intent of the Special Issue is to facilitate co-authorship opportunities between, on the one hand, rising junior scholars working on issues of Arab law and Arab legal systems within universities in the Islamic world, and, on the other hand, established senior scholars who have a strong publication record in highly regarded English language scholarly journals and law reviews. The junior scholar is expected to be the lead author of the piece, with the senior scholar available to assist in strengthening the theoretical undergirding, identifying and sharpening the core thesis of the paper, offering ideas for other literature to consider, and otherwise assisting in the framing and structuring of the piece.
To be accepted, submissions must fall within the general scope of the *ALQ*, set forth in our *Instructions for Authors*, the junior author must have spent less than ten years working as a law professor or instructor, and the junior scholar must be primarily affiliated with a university within the Islamic world. Subject to these limitations, the *ALQ* welcomes *all* submissions from interested junior scholars seeking senior mentorship support. We also welcome submissions from a junior scholar and senior scholar already working together on a research article. Finally, in keeping with the theme of the mentorship issue, we particularly welcome submissions from authors and scholars who have not published in an English language journal, scholars writing on underrepresented subjects in the field, women scholars, and scholars from underrepresented communities and minorities.

Please submit your abstract to alqeditor@gmail.com before March 1, 2023. If accepted, we will require submission of a final draft no later August 1, 2023.