

Letter to the Benchmark



In the last issue of the *Benchmark*, I announced my intention not to seek another term as president when my present term expires in 2004. On August 15, I announced that I will retire on January 19, 2002. Why the sudden change? It's a long story. Here's the short version.

I have developed a new passion. It's called the American Golf League. It has the lofty aspiration of establishing major league, professional, team golf in America. I envision big league golf teams in all of the major markets of the United States. I envision the AGL becoming as familiar to sports fans as the NFL, the NBA, or the NHL. I foresee a prestigious national team golf championship and millions of dollars being raised for sponsored charities.

I confess that the prospect has my creative juices flowing, and that launching the league holds the same kind of excitement and satisfaction that motivated me 30 years ago to start the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. My wife, Polly, says that at 72, I can do whatever I want to do.

So, at this juncture in my life, I have decided to nurture the golf league and, incidentally, my own, much neglected golf game.

In January, I'll be off to a new adventure and a new future. Of course, I'll continue to be available to Cooley whenever I'm needed, but I know that Cooley will thrive and grow as it has since January 12, 1973.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Thomas E. Brennan
President