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# INAUGURATION OF THE GEORGE A. LEET BUSINESS LAW SYMPOSIUM

*Gerald Korngold*<sup>†</sup>

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the inaugural George A. Leet Business Law Symposium at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

The George A. Leet Business Law Symposium was endowed in 1999 by a generous gift by George Leet, a 1946 graduate of this law school and an active member of the Law Alumni Association. Mr. Leet spent almost his entire career with the National Labor Relations Board, ultimately holding the position of senior associate executive secretary. Mr. Leet has long held an interest in the business law area. We greatly appreciate Mr. Leet's generosity in creating this national forum on business law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

This symposium series will substantially enhance our school's research, teaching, and public service missions by allowing us to bring to our law school national leaders in law, business, and academia to discuss leading business law issues. The publication of papers resulting from the symposium sessions in the *Case Western Reserve Law Review* will bring these new developments to the academic and larger communities.

The George A. Leet Business Law Symposium is one of the key recent developments in the business law curriculum at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. We recognize that changes in the world and the practice of law have fundamentally affected business law. Transactions and companies have become global, structuring has become more sophisticated, and technology has increased the flow of information. We seek to train the counselors and future business leaders who will thrive in the emerging marketplace. Through innovative courses, special programs, and a concentration in business organizations, we offer our students the knowledge and skills to be effective. Moreover, the excellent scholarship of our faculty in the

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business law area brings great value to the legal profession and business community.

I greatly appreciate the participation of our speakers and commentators in our inaugural Leet program on "The Future of Private Equity Financing." We look forward to excellent symposia in the future.