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With this issue the Editors are pleased and honored to commence publication of the *Canada-United States Law Journal*. The *Journal*, to be published no less often than annually, is a scholarly legal publication devoted to national and international legal issues of interest to the legal profession in Canada and the United States. The *Canada-United States Law Journal* is published under the auspices of the Canada-United States Law Institute.

The Canada-United States Law Institute is the joint creation of the law schools of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., and the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. The Institute was established in 1976 with gifts from the Governments of Canada and the United States as well as grants from the Richard G. Donner Foundation and the Ontario Bar Foundation (both of Canada), and the William H. Donner Foundation, the George Gund Foundation and the Cleveland Foundation (all of the U.S.). By means of a series of programs, including student and faculty exchanges, conference and workshop sponsorship, research and legal publications (of which the *Journal* is a significant part) the Institute offers:

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2. A forum for the exploration and analysis of those transnational and international legal issues affecting the relationship of Canada and the United States.

In conformity with the Institute's purposes the *Canada-United States Law Journal* annually will publish scholarly articles by members of the legal profession of both countries, legal comments and notes by Canadian and American law students, and proceedings of Institute-sponsored conferences and workshops. The *Canada-United States Law Journal* is one of two international law publications (the second is the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*) published by students and located at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

This inaugural issue of the *Canada-United States Law Journal* contains the proceedings of a conference held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on October 20-22, 1977 on Canada-U.S. Relations: Cooperation and Dispute Settlement in the North American Context. The Conference was sponsored jointly by the Canadian Council on International Law (as its 6th Annual Conference) and is an example of the cooperation of two organizations interested in a common subject matter. The *Journal* is particularly indebted to the Canadian Council on International Law for its leadership and imagination in organizing the conference.

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