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EDITORS' PREFACE

This November edition is the first of five bimonthly issues which will constitute Volume Eighteen of the *Review*. We anticipate that by commencing publication in November instead of in October we will minimize difficulties arising from conflicts with the schedule of the law school curriculum. Our new volume is contemporaneous with Dean Louis A. Toepfer's initial year of tenure, so the Editors are delighted to formally introduce Dean Toepfer to the *Review's* readership.

We invite your attention to the Cases Noted section which has undergone a change in typography and a classification of cases according to subject matter. It was felt that these changes would enable the reader to quickly acquaint himself with recent developments in the law. In the course of preparing this section, the staff studies all advance sheets and loose-leaf services in order to select cases which will prove helpful to practitioners; these cases are briefly analyzed and placed in perspective, but no attempt has been made to provide citations.

Publication of the cumulative index has been postponed for several months in order to implement a more precise schematization and to incorporate the material from Volumes Sixteen and Seventeen of the *Review*. This project is going forward under the direction of a senior staff member, Robert Markus, and the higher quality of the final product will have to be attributed to his diligence.

With respect to the current issue, the Editors will welcome any comments which you might have concerning Mr. Liebenthal's discussion of the abstention doctrine. That thoughtful analysis was cast in dialogue form, which is something of an innovation in law review style. Dialogue has been employed to advantage in a number of traditional philosophical works, and it seems to have added a high degree of clarity and readability to Mr. Liebenthal's article. Finally, we are pleased to note the contribution by Professor Littlefield of a scholarly reply to our own Professor Shanker's strict tort-UCC thesis which was published in the first issue of Volume Seventeen. We suggest that you read Professor Littlefield's article in conjunction with Professor Shanker's so as to obtain the fullest benefit from the divergent viewpoints expressed by these two critical and creative authors.

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