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FOREWORD

It is customary in forewords for editors to set forth the reasons for their selection of certain topics and articles. What follows is an assemblage of articles that address basic concerns in the field of environmental law. Foremost among these concerns is the issue of what happens when private interests clash with public interests and the extent to which our society will go to find an equitable balance between them. Overall, however, this Symposium deals with various environmental questions, and though it may not provide definitive answers, I do believe that the future of our planet and its inhabitants will depend on how human beings choose to address these questions through what is perhaps their most amazing tool—the law. Of course, it would be nothing short of hubris for me to presume that this Symposium Issue will be pivotal in shaping the law, but the articles I have chosen do raise some interesting and worthwhile questions and they serve to encourage debate and thought from both an economic and legal perspective.

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