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## Foreword

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During the past several years the NATURAL LAW FORUM has achieved a distinctive and honored place among legal and philosophical journals. This has primarily been due to the diligent efforts of the board of editors under the leadership first of Professor Anton-Hermann Chroust and more recently Professor John Noonan as editors and of Professor Andrew T. Smithberger as managing editor. This degree of excellence was continued with the first issue of the FORUM under its new name of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE.

With the resignation of Professor Noonan the Board of Editors has appointed us co-editors of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE. We are privileged and pleased to accept this appointment. We are pleased also to announce the appointment of Michael W. Mullane as managing editor. We are confident that he will continue the high standard of performance set by Professor Smithberger, who has retired this year.

It is our intention and hope that we will continue the successful record established by the past editors of this journal. THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE, as Professor Noonan noted in the 1969 issue, "will be continuous in policy and spirit with the NATURAL LAW FORUM." The NATURAL LAW FORUM has been "dedicated to a critical examination of the significance of natural law for our times." It is our purpose to pursue this examination with success. To that end we welcome scholarly contributions from various points of view.

The search for universal standards derived from the nature of man has never been more important than it is today. This is particularly so in areas which relate directly to the most basic human rights, where the law has failed in its mission to protect those rights. Here and in other areas, the need for sound and enduring analysis of contemporary problems and their controlling principles is evident. We hope to do our part to supply that need.

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