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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The content of this issue generally resolves itself into two categories. In one category are articles dealing with relatively narrow legal problems which have arisen in the evolution of judicial refinements of a basic statutory directive or a common law doctrine. In each instance, the writers have ferreted out astonishing inconsistencies in judicial reasoning which undermine the logical superstructure of extensive case law development. These articles are valuable not only because the exposure of these anomalies lays a basis for constructive reform, but also because they are enlightening studies in the processes of judicial evolution of a principle by application and misapplication of precedents and in the folly of perpetuating any given doctrine to the "dryly logical extreme." Moreover, the correction of these aberrations raise interesting questions of the propriety of judicial overruling of its own well established mistakes.

In the second category of articles are those related to the responsibilities of attorneys in their public capacity as representatives of the legal system. In the last issue, this most current topic found expression in the articles concerning unification of the Maryland Bar. The theme

is continued in this issue in *Public Legal Assistance in Baltimore* by E. Stephen Derby. The REVIEW welcomes the opportunity to participate in this re-evaluation of the importance of the public image of the legal system and profession.

The REVIEW sadly notes the death of Mr. Nelson B. Seidman, and, in tribute to him, joins in the resolution of the Faculty Council printed below.

### NELSON B. SEIDMAN

The Faculty Council records with sorrow the untimely death of Nelson B. Seidman, Lecturer in Accounting at the Law School. Mr. Seidman, whose academic record at the Law School is unsurpassed, applied his great intellectual gifts with dedication and enthusiasm to his teaching. His unassuming modesty and his good humor brought the best from his students and made him welcome among his colleagues on the faculty. Conscious of the loss to his profession in terms of promise which did not have time to become fully realized, the Law School community extends to his family its deepest sympathy for their even greater loss.