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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Two recent attempts at law reform by the Maryland Legislature accentuate the need for a fresh look at much of the law that governs the relationship between landlords and tenants. Professor James W. McElhaney, in an article entitled *Retaliatory Evictions: Landlords, Tenants and Law Reform*, analyzes the 1968 Rent Escrow Act and the 1969 Anti-Retaliatory Eviction Act, and brings home vividly the shortcomings and ambiguities of these two significant changes in Baltimore landlord-tenant law. The article is not, however, restricted to statutory construction nor to narrating the impact of this recent legislation. The author goes on to investigate the role that can and should be played by the courts in filling obvious gaps in the legislative scheme in order to provide effective tenants' remedies. Professor McElhaney's perceptive analysis will hopefully provide an insight into an area of law fraught with numerous competing interests and crying out for change.

The REVIEW's current student section presents a varied fare. Leading off is a student Note which relates the demise of the function of the apparatus objection, a doctrine which has permeated and clouded the field of patent law for nearly seventy years. The law of reformation as applied to aviation flight insurance contracts is the subject of a

second student Note. The student author argues for the application of recent liberal trends in the law of reformation to this burgeoning area of insurance contract law. The rights of residents of federal enclaves to vote in state elections has recently received the attention of both the Maryland Court of Appeals and the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, precipitating a student Note; and a fourth student Note analyzes the complex problem of the proper standard to be applied by a federal court in testing the sufficiency of the evidence to go to the jury in a diversity suit.

The final student offering is unique. The REVIEW is pleased to present *A Review of the September 1968 Term of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland*, a hopefully helpful summary and analysis of the work of this important court.

The REVIEW is pleased to announce several additions to the full-time faculty of the University of Maryland School of Law: Professor Alice A. Soled will instruct Estate and Gift Tax and Equitable Remedies in the fall term, and Estates and Trusts and the Estate Planning Seminar in the spring semester; Professor J. Joel Woodey will instruct Commercial Transactions and Procedure in the fall, and Procedure and Estate and Gift Tax in the spring; and Assistant Professor David S. Bogen will instruct Constitutional Law during the fall semester and Labor Law and the Constitutional Law Seminar in the spring term.

The REVIEW would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professors Sanford Jay Rosen and Hal M. Smith on their promotions to full Professor and Professors Robert G. Fisher, Laurence M. Katz, and James W. McElhaney on their promotions to Associate Professor.

Due to events and circumstances not anticipated by the Editorial Board, the REVIEW is forced to cancel its proposed urban law symposium.