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## EDITOR'S NOTE

One of the high points of the academic year at the Law School is the annual Morris Ames Soper Lecture. This year the Law School was honored to have as the speaker Erwin N. Griswold, Solicitor General of the United States. The theme of this year's lecture was the need to strike a proper balance between criminal procedure and substantive criminal law and the impact of the burgeoning area of criminal procedure on the administration of the federal criminal law. The REVIEW is proud to present Mr. Griswold's *Criminal Procedure, 1969 — Is It A Means Or An End?*

The theoretical and practical ramifications of unorthodox methods for achieving public status for privately held securities provides the subject matter for the article by Ronald M. Shapiro and Laurence M. Katz. *The "Going Public Through the Back Door" Phenomenon — An Assessment* is of especial significance at this time because it provides a perceptive analysis of recently proposed rules of the SEC relating to disclosure to investors by two individuals knowledgeable in the intricacies of securities regulation law.

*Federal Revenue Sharing*, by H. Rutherford Turnbull, III, is an in-depth analysis of federal revenue sharing, a concept which entails a distribution of federal funds to the states with little or no strings

attached. Mr. Turnbull, a past Editor-in-Chief of the REVIEW, discusses the numerous recent legislative proposals and analyzes the impact revenue sharing would have on a state such as Maryland. Revenue sharing as a means of strengthening the state and local elements of our federal system has received increasing attention and the author presents the reader with a lucid explanation of this timely concept.

The first two student Notes are concerned with problems of the rights of indigents and the scope of the protection of the equal protection clause. The first concerns a recent decision of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland dealing with the problem of the incarceration of indigents who are unable to pay fines and costs. A second student Note discusses a recent New Jersey case holding unconstitutional a statutory requirement that indigents bear the expense of publication costs in divorce actions. The final student work concerns the problem of multi-state habeas corpus petitions and involves a re-examination of the doctrine that a federal habeas corpus petition must be filed in the district court in which petitioner is detained.