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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue marks the second survey of major decisions by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Appropriately, the issue opens with an article that focuses on the work of the Court of Appeals. Written by Professor William L. Reynolds, II, the article examines the effect of the certiorari power on the docket of the Court, using the 1975 Term as a sample period. A second segment, to be published in a forthcoming issue, will analyze the quality of the Court's decision making during the study period. It is hoped that this work, the product of extensive research, will provide a framework for discussion of the Court's performance in the future.

The other outside contribution is a book review by the Honorable John C. Eldridge, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. In keeping with the issue's emphasis on Maryland law, the book reviewed is *Maryland Pattern Jury Instructions — Civil*, prepared by the Maryland Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions.

The student work is primarily concerned with cases decided during 1976.¹ Every effort has been made, however, to ensure that each topic incorporates the latest developments in the case law. The Review hopes that the Survey will be a valuable aid to Maryland attorneys and welcomes any suggestions for its improvement. Robert Hesselbacher, Gary Aiken, and Charles B. Straus, III, deserve special recognition for their contributions to this installment of the survey.

The following students have contributed to the *Survey*:

Nedda Pray	(Commission on Human Relations)
Andrea J. Berkowitz	(Change of Venue)
Arlene A. Blume	(Statewide Prosecutor Act)
Louis P. Willemin	(Automatic Standing)
Charles B. Straus, III	(Double Jeopardy)
John W. Hathaway	(Harmless Error)
Phillip R. Zuber	(Products Liability)
James S. Jacobs	(Boulevard Rule)
Walter J. Fleischer	(Landlord Liability; Locality Rule)

1. Several important cases decided during this period have been the subject of separate articles in the Review. *Jacron Sales v. Sindorf*, 276 Md. 580, 350 A.2d 688 (1976), was discussed in Comment, *The Maryland Court of Appeals: State Defamation Law in the Wake of Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.*, 36 MD. L. REV. 622 (1977). *Barry Properties v. Fick Bros. Roofing Co.*, 277 Md. 15, 353 A.2d 222 (1976), was analyzed in K. Frank & G. McManus, Jr., *Balancing Almost Two Hundred Years of Economic Policy Against Contemporary Due Process Standards — Mechanics' Liens in Maryland After Barry Properties*, 36 MD. L. REV. 733 (1977).