EDITORIAL FOREWORD

In recent years much public comment has centered on the issue of delay in civil and criminal litigation. A survey of six Northeastern Ohio counties was published in 1970 under the title: Order in the Courts. The report failed to stir active concern in the legal community because of the lack of available standards against which disposition figures could be measured.

The Rules of Superintendence adopted by the Ohio Supreme Court created an external standard for case-load disposition in the Ohio common pleas courts and, also, solved the measuring problem that plagued the 1970 report.

Volume VII of the Akron Law Review includes an analysis of delay in Ohio court litigation. The author, James G. France, has reviewed the data that went into the 1970 report and has drawn some remarkable conclusions based on the Ohio adoption of the Rules of Superintendence.

The concern over how to implement the actual purposes of the Civil War Amendments has recently been raised again because of the school busing orders. Mr. Emil Lippe views this enforcement problem of the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments as one of the strong challenges to jurisprudential scholars in this decade. The author's article develops this problem based on the "uneasy partnership" formed between Congress and the Supreme Court in order to promulgate the force and effect of these amendments.

Probate practice needs reform in the form of adoption of the Uniform Probate Code according to Robert M. Brucken, Esq., of The Cleveland Bar. The U.P.C. has been adopted in several states and is presently before the Ohio legislature. Adoption of the U.P.C. will affect clients and lawyers—but how? Mr. Brucken presents an overview of the Uniform Probate Court and its effects on probate practitioners in

What are the limitations on the law? Most schools of jurisprudential thought believe that one—if not the only—purpose of the law is found in behavior control. Establishing a function of behavior norms necessarily includes or provides a subset of deviant forms of behavior. Professor Alexander Smith questions the purpose of the law in areas of deviance. "Acceptable" standards of overt behavior are continually changing; however, the rigidity of the law has often caused chasms between the norm and the standard. Mr. Smith poses several constitutional and jurisprudential questions in his essay concerning the American treatment of deviant behavior.

The Akron Law Review has changed its publication schedule this year and the Board of Editors is pleased to announce that there will be three publications yearly commencing with Volume VII.
The winter issue is headed by a scholarly analysis of the use of the Commissioner in the Michigan appellate system. The article was prepared by Chief Judge T. John Lesinski of the Michigan Court of Appeals. Impetus for this article is drawn from 48 F.R.D. 355.

Also scheduled for publication in the winter issue is an in-depth study of legislation sponsored by President Nixon. The controversial paper was prepared by Mr. Frank Wilkinson, Executive Director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation. Mr. Wilkinson's study follows the career of Mr. Nixon from his early days in Congress through his present term as President. Due to the very nature of the article the author has thoroughly documented this very topical paper.

On a less controversial note, the AKRON LAW REVIEW, under the stern guidance of Professor Merlin Briner, will present a comprehensive review of the tax changes of the past year. Preparation on this tax survey is currently nearing completion and will be available in mid-February.

Because of the very favorable response to the symposium on aerial hijacking published in Volume VI, we are very fortunate to be able to continue this series on present crises in international law. This year's symposium concerns the political and humanitarian consequences flowing from the use of terrorism across the globe. The symposium itself will be held November 2, 1973, at The University of Akron, School of Law, and again is sponsored by the International Law Society. The internationally prestigious list of speakers includes Professor Richard Baxter of Harvard Law School, Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni of DePaul College of Law, and Mr. Zeev Eytan of the University of Chicago. Publication is scheduled for the spring issue.

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