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FOREWORD

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The topic of this year's lecture series, the American corporation in the twenty-first century, is an issue of particular importance. In the New Economic Order, corporate governance issues, such as labor, managerial control, and shareholder activism present new challenges for our legal system. In our rapidly modernizing and shrinking world, it is of tremendous importance for the legal system to keep pace with changes in corporate governance and the technological advances which enable them. This subject attracted a remarkable group of scholars who participated in this year's lecture series: Maureen A. O'Connor, George G. Triantis, Mark Roe, Ronald J. Gilson, and Jeffrey N. Gordon.

We are certain that the works by these scholars, coupled with two articles by student seminar participants, will serve as another fine chapter in the tradition of the *Allen Chair Symposium*. Our gratitude goes to the Allen Chair participants for their time and insights, as well as their contributions to this issue. I would personally like to thank the *University of Richmond Law Review* editorial board and staff for their efforts and devotion, and to Glenice Coombs, the Administrative Assistant of the *Law Review*, without whom this publication would never have been possible.

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