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FOREWORD

The *University of Richmond Law Review* is pleased to present the eighth annual *Allen Chair Symposium* issue. The purpose of the annual symposium is to provide a forum for discussion of legal issues of current significance. This is made possible by the generous support of the friends and family of George E. Allen. This issue of the *Law Review* is the literary complement to the symposium presentations.

The 2000 *Allen Chair Symposium*, entitled *Trying Cases in the Media: Legal Ethics, Fair Trials, and Free Press*, focused on the legal and policy issues involved in analyzing trial participants' right to free speech vis-a-vis the constitutional guarantee of a fair trial. The *Law Review* extends its appreciation to Rodney A. Smolla, the George E. Allen Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law, for selecting this year's theme and authors. The Allen Chair authors each contributed an intriguing article providing differing perspectives on the symposium's theme. C. Thomas Dienes is the Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School. Paul D. Carrington is the Chadwick Professor of Law at the Duke University School of Law. John E. Nowak is the David C. Baum Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law.

The *Law Review* extends its gratitude to members of the Allen family for their continued support of the symposium series. We also appreciate the hard work and valuable time that the Allen Chair authors invested in writing and editing such wonderful and insightful articles. I extend my personal gratitude to the *Law Review* Staff and Editorial Board Members for their commitment to the success of this issue and to Glenice Coombs for her valuable guidance and unwavering patience. Finally, many thanks to Ken Ford for his never-ending support and sense of humor.

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving as *Allen Chair Editor*. Thank you for your support and readership.

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Allen Chair Editor

