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PREFACE

The *University of Richmond Law Review* is proud to dedicate its forty-fourth volume to the memory of Professor Robert E. Shepherd, Jr., who passed away in December 2008. Professor Shepherd was an accomplished jurist, an unparalleled educator, and perhaps most importantly, a compassionate friend to his colleagues and students. Professor Shepherd was nationally recognized for his vast knowledge of family and juvenile law, and his legacy emanates from the walls of every courthouse and classroom in the Commonwealth. His advocacy on behalf of children everywhere was heartfelt and resolute. To celebrate Professor Shepherd's lifetime of accomplishment, the *Law Review* has invited the friends who knew him best from the university and the courts to share their experiences. Additionally, and perhaps a more appropriate celebration of Professor Shepherd's memory, the *Law Review* is pleased to present two juvenile law articles: the first on special education law and the second on recent legislation and juvenile transfer.

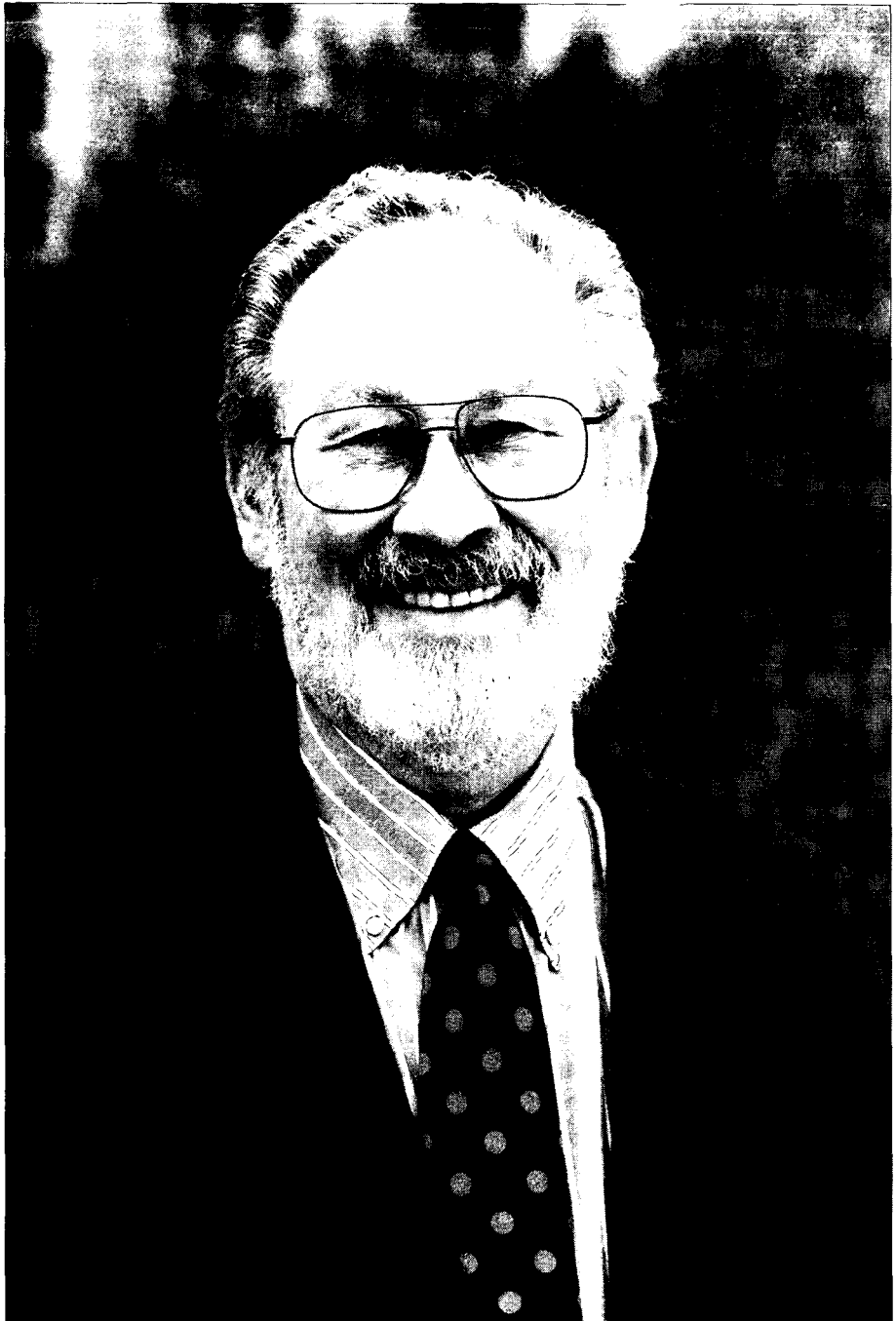
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Not only is the *Annual Survey* the most widely read of the four editions the *Law Review* publishes, the 2009 *Annual Survey* is the largest single book the *Law Review* has ever published. Many individuals have contributed countless hours to the production of

this book. The *Law Review* extends its most sincere gratitude to the authors for their time and diligence in submitting exceptional pieces. I would also like to thank the members of the *Law Review* Executive Board—Angela Carrico, Ben Hoover, Erin Seder, Stephen Taylor, and especially Mary Hallerman and Faith Alejandro—and staff for their unrelenting support, incomparable diligence, and incredible talent. A very special thanks to Glenice Coombs, whose tremendous dedication, expertise, and wit continue to make this journal a success; and to Lindsay Pickral, editor of the 2008 *Annual Survey*, for her confidence and guidance. Finally, thanks to my wife, Audrey, for enduring many early mornings and late nights.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the editor of the 2009 *Annual Survey of Virginia Law*. Thank you for your support and patronage.

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