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PREFACE

No issue is better suited to the *Journal of Law Reform* than the problem of court costs and delay. Although the underlying nature of the problem is pragmatic, the implications and ramifications of reforming court procedure are enormous. Even the smallest changes raise important questions of fairness and constitutionality that require careful analysis and reflection. It is, therefore, with pleasure that the *Journal* presents a Symposium on Reducing Court Costs and Delay.

This issue of the *Journal* does not mark the first time that the contributors to this Symposium have been brought together; for five years, all of the authors have been members and staff of the American Bar Association's Action Commission to Reduce Court Costs and Delay. The Articles that follow inevitably draw on specific research undertaken for the Commission, but they are not offered as a presentation of the Commission's findings or conclusions. Rather, each Article reflects only the author's view, and is designed to stand alone as a scholarly examination of a particular aspect of the court cost and delay problem.

The Editorial Board of the *Journal* would like to thank each of the authors for participating in the Symposium. The views expressed represent a broad cross-section of the legal community; the contributors include judges, scholars, and practitioners. It is our hope that this issue will make a valuable and important contribution in an area where reform is long overdue.

— *The Editorial Board*

