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Preface

Twentieth century improvements in transportation and communication have prompted governments, businesses and individuals to look beyond national borders in a wide range of activities. As one facet of this development, crimes and criminals which cross national borders have become increasingly common, posing many problems for national and international legal systems. In particular, questions have arisen concerning the rules governing jurisdiction, extradition and transfers of evidence. These areas are examined in depth in this volume of the *Michigan Yearbook of International Legal Studies*.

By entitling the volume "Transnational Aspects of Criminal Procedure," the editors have assumed a distinction between substantive and procedural law which is not always clear. Attempting to observe this distinction, the book emphasizes the conditions which must be satisfied for a state to gather evidence or exercise power over a criminal, when criminal activity has crossed a national border. Yet, forays into substantive matters are inevitable, insofar as cooperation through extradition or transfers of evidence ultimately depends on some basic agreement among countries concerning substantive criminal law. Partly because of the conflicting national viewpoints on the proper rules of criminal law and procedure, the issues of coordinating the various national systems of criminal justice are numerous. The editors hope that the *Yearbook* will help to define and resolve some of these issues.

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