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## PREFACE

On September 19-20, 1986, the University of South Carolina School of Law sponsored a symposium on *The Federal Courts: The Next 100 Years*. The Symposium assembled recognized experts on the federal court system. The purpose of the Symposium was to elicit comments from the commentators and panelists assembled in order to generate ideas that will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the federal courts so that they can better fulfill the intent of the drafters of the Constitution. This Issue is an edited and annotated transcript of those proceedings.

This Issue consists of five distinct elements. First, Deans Paul D. Carrington, Edward H. Cooper, and Erwin N. Griswold presented formal papers at the Symposium, which are reprinted herein. Second and third, the commentaries and panel discussions immediately following the papers address and critique the content of these papers and the major issues upon which the papers focus. Fourth, a summary of the proceedings, presented by Professor James L. Underwood, attempts to highlight the major points brought out by the Symposium and notes that many important issues could not be dealt with in the course of the one and one-half day Symposium. Last, the appendix contains a bibliography that we hope will be useful to those who endeavor to investigate further the issues raised in this Symposium.

The *South Carolina Law Review* is pleased to present this Symposium, and we thank all of the participants for their helpful comments in its preparation. The *Review* extends special thanks to Pamela Robinson for her tireless efforts in the administration of the Symposium.

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