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A NOTE TO THE READER

The *Fordham Environmental Law Journal* is extremely proud to publish the proceedings of its Symposium, *Perspectives on Regulatory Takings*, which was held at Fordham University School of Law on February 27, 1995. The goal of this year's Symposium was to provide a forum for the expression of a variety of positions on the controversial and widely publicized regulatory takings issue. To achieve that end, the *Fordham Environmental Law Journal*, with the cooperation and support of the Fordham Law School faculty and administration, assembled some of the nation's most distinguished scholars and practitioners to present and debate their views on regulatory takings.

This special Symposium issue contains contains the Articles and Essays prepared for the symposium by each of its participants. The contributions have been grouped into four discussion areas: (1) examination of whether and how private property owners should be compensated for regulatory takings,-(2) evaluation of the effects of federal takings jurisprudence on state practice and environmental policy choices, (3) regulatory takings in the context of foundational federal environmental statutes, and (4) regulatory takings in the urban contexts of rent control and historic preservation. Within each discussion area, Essays have been placed before Articles to provide the reader with a brief orientation to the subject matter, followed by more in-depth and complex analysis.

The *Journal* gratefully acknowledges the tireless efforts of its Symposium Editors, Thomas F. Giordano and Song Won Chon, who assembled the impressive array of experts whose presentations follow, and were primarily responsible for making *Perspectives on Regulatory Takings* such a resounding success.

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