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Third Circuit Review

EDITOR'S PREFACE

The *Villanova Law Review* is pleased to present the twelfth annual *Third Circuit Review*. Recognizing the Third Circuit's burgeoning case load¹ and the broad mix of legal controversies generated by political and cultural diversity within the circuit's boundaries,² the *Review* strives to provide "a good picture of the depth and breadth of [the court's] work."³ Although we have not reviewed all of the noteworthy cases decided by the court, we have nevertheless attempted to examine a cross-section of significant Third Circuit opinions. These selected decisions address a spectrum of challenging issues, from the scope of a woman's right of privacy in an abortion decision⁴ to the effect of airline deregulation on common carriers.⁵

The Third Circuit Review Editor wishes to extend his appreciation to Chief Judge Ruggero J. Aldisert who graciously agreed to write the Introduction to this *Review*, and to the Board of Editors and staff of the *Villanova Law Review* whose dedicated work made this issue possible. In order to become more responsive to the needs of the legal community, we would appreciate comments and criticisms concerning the *Review*. Please address all correspondence to the Third Circuit Review Editor.

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1. See Aldisert, *State of the Circuit Address*, 56 PA. B.A.Q. 47, 48. In his address, Chief Judge Aldisert noted that the number of fully briefed appeals assigned to Third Circuit judges for hearing and disposition has increased over 200% since 1968. *Id.*

2. See *id.* at 47.

3. Seitz, *Introduction to the Third Circuit Review*, 19 VILL. L. REV. 279, 279 (1973).

4. *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists v. Thornburgh*, 737 F.2d 283 (3d Cir. 1984), *jur. postponed*, 105 S. Ct. 2015 (1985), *noted in Third Circuit Review*, 30 VILL. L. REV. 840 (1985).

5. *First Pennsylvania Bank v. Eastern Airlines*, 731 F.2d 1113 (3d Cir. 1984), *noted in Third Circuit Review*, 30 VILL. L. REV. 890 (1985).