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FOREWORD

The University of Richmond Law Review is pleased to present the seventh annual Allen Chair Symposium issue. Through the generous support of the friends and family of George E. Allen, the annual symposium series provides a forum for discussion of legal issues of national and international significance. This issue of the Law Review is the literary complement to the symposium presentations.

The theme for the 1999 symposium was "Aggressive Newsgathering and the First Amendment." During the symposium, the contributing professors, journalists, lawyers, judges, and public figures examined such topics as surreptitious newsgathering techniques, the constitutionality of recently proposed legislation regarding paparazzi, the role of the celebrity in our culture, and the question of the appropriate dividing line, if any, between public and private life. Rodney A. Smolla, the George E. Allen Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law, selected this year's theme and professors. Erwin Chemerinsky is the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics and Political Science at the University of Southern California Law School in Los Angeles. Robert Nagel is the Ira C. Rothgerber, Jr. Professor of Constitutional Law and the Director of the Byron R. White Center for American Constitutional Study at the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder. Robert O'Neil is the Director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression at the University of Virginia and the President of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government. Diane Zimmerman is a Professor of Law at the New York University Law School.

I would like to express my thanks to the Allen family for their generous support of the symposium series, to the contributing professors for their excellent and insightful contributions to the symposium and to this issue of the *Law Review*, and to my fellow *Law Review* editorial board members and staff for their efforts and support in publishing this issue. And finally, a special thanks to Glenice Coombs for her unwavering guidance and help in preparing this issue of the *Law Review*.

> L. Katherine Murray Allen Chair Editor

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