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EDITOR'S NOTE

The *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum* is pleased to announce that it will begin publishing papers from the annual Cummings Colloquium in Environmental Law, a joint enterprise of the Nicholas School of the Environment and School of Law at Duke University, in a second fall issue. The Colloquium was established in 1995 through a generous gift in honor of Jasper Cummings, a senior litigator in Raleigh, North Carolina. Each year, it will convene scholars of law, economics, political science, ecology, and many other disciplines to discuss fundamental issues of environmental law and policy. For example, the First Annual Cummings Colloquium, represented in this issue, addressed the challenge of rethinking environmental law in light of new concepts in ecology. Future colloquia will discuss such topics as the use of comparative risk analysis in health and environmental risk management and the comparative success of federal and state regulatory schemes.

The First Annual Cummings Colloquium was held on April 18, 1996 at the Duke University School of Law. The Colloquium was opened by Deans Norman Christensen of the Nicholas School of the Environment and Pamela Gann of the Law School and Professor Jonathan Wiener, director of the Colloquium, who holds appointments to both schools. The morning featured speeches by the Honorable George Frampton, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Professor Dan Botkin, author of *Discordant Harmonies*. The afternoon sessions featured the presentation of papers that were reviewed by a panel of academic and governmental experts. Papers were presented by Professor Bryan Norton of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Timothy Profeta (1996 Cummings Fellow of Environmental Law), Professor Alyson Flournoy of the University of Florida College of Law, private attorney Walter Kuhlmann, Professor Gerald Emison of the Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University, and Professor Dan Tarlock of Chicago-Kent Law School. In the first panel, the papers of Norton and Profeta were reviewed by Anne Bartuska of the U.S. Forest Service, Professor William Schlesinger of the Department of Botany at Duke University, and Melinda Taylor of the North Carolina Environmental Defense Fund. In the second panel, the papers of Flournoy and Kuhlmann received comments from Ted Boling of the U.S. Department of Justice and John Terbourgh of the Department of Zoology at Duke University. In the third and final panel, the papers of Emison and Tarlock were reviewed by

Patty Clayton of the Curriculum in Ecology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Christopher Schroeder of the Duke University School of Law, V. Kerry Smith of the Nicholas School of the Environment, and Jiunn-rong Yeh of the Duke University School of Law. The three panels were moderated by Dean Christensen of the Nicholas School, Catherine Malinin Dunn (1996 Cummings Fellow of Environmental Law), and Professor Wiener, respectively.

The Colloquium is sponsored jointly by the Nicholas School of the Environment and the Duke University School of Law, with additional support from the Environmental Law Society of the Duke University School of Law and the *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum*. Professor Wiener is assisted each year by two Cummings Fellows, students in the joint J.D./M.E.M. degree program who are selected by a faculty committee for their demonstrated achievement and promise of leadership in the field of environmental law.