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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue is the second in our new layout and content format. We hope that you'll find it has materials of interest to you.

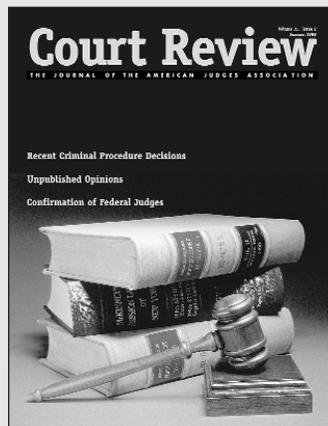
Our interview for this issue is with Eleanor Dean Acheson, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Justice Department's Office of Policy Development. In that role, she heads the Justice Department's efforts to suggest nominees for federal judgeships and assists in presenting nominees for confirmation. Given her role in selecting judges, we think you'll find her views on what makes a good judge of interest. In addition, the pace of judicial nominations and confirmations gained considerable attention in the past year. We discussed that with her, and we also have included in this issue a student-written piece examining the constitutional issues presented when the Senate fails to act on judicial nominations.

The other articles in this issue are Professor Charles Whitebread's annual review of the past Term's criminal procedure decisions from the United States Supreme Court and an article by Professor Robert Van Der Velde examining the use of unpublished federal appellate court decisions. Although many articles on unpublished opinions have been written, Professor Van Der Velde examines data not previously reviewed to form some practical conclusions – and suggestions – regarding the practice.

In a book review, Professor David Wexler reviews Deborah Tannen's book on the argument culture. A leading scholar in the emerging area of therapeutic jurisprudence, he then discusses its potential value in lessening the ill effects Tannen ascribes to the culture of critique.

We have added some additional members to our Editorial Board: Mark D. Hinderks, a trial lawyer who is chair of the Board of Editors of *The Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*; Judge Gregory E. Mize of the D.C. Superior Court, who was co-chair of the D.C. jury reform group that recently issued its excellent report (see 35 *Court Review* 40 (Spring 1998)); Professor Reginald L. Robinson, who just returned to academia after a five-year absence, during which he spent a year as a White House fellow followed by four years in senior executive positions at the U.S. Justice Department; and Professor Jacqueline St. Joan, a former judge of the Denver County Court who has written on domestic violence and directs clinical programs at the University of Denver College of Law.

We know that we're behind schedule in getting our issues to you. I can tell you, though, that we are on schedule to catch up in the coming year, which will result in your getting all of the issues you are supposed to receive – and, we believe, getting good content in each one. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or comments.
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