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PREFACE

The first three articles of this issue appertain to a clinical conference held on November 16-18, 1995, entitled "Unique Issues in Developing Indian Law Clinics and Teaching Indian Law." The conference was sponsored by the Clinical Law Program at the University of New Mexico School of Law and was the first of its kind. It included an international representation of both Indian law professors and clinicians. The presenters discussed Indian law clinic development, integrating Indian law into a traditional law school curriculum, and related sub-topics.

The purpose of the conference was to highlight the special need for Indian law clinics and courses to prepare students entering the field of Indian law for the difficult issues that arise in the representation of tribal governments and individual tribal members. Indian law clinics also serve tribal communities by providing much needed legal assistance to tribal courts, legislatures, and members.

We hope that these conference pieces, and the remaining articles and comments, provide valuable insight to the unusual issues encountered in this field. The editors wish to thank all those involved in presenting a successful conference.

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