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Foreword

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During the past decade, Duquesne University School of Law and the *Duquesne Law Review* have earned a unique and important position in international legal education: Beginning in 2004, and continuing every second year thereafter, the Law School has organized and hosted a two-day international seminar devoted to constitutionalism in the Western Hemisphere, featuring presentations by the most distinguished constitutional jurists from Latin America, Canada, the United States, and Europe. The success and influence of these seminars has been magnified significantly by the fact that following each of these events, the *Duquesne Law Review* has devoted one of its issues to the papers presented at the most recently-concluded seminar. The fifth program in this series was held at the Law School on November 9 and 10, 2012, and was devoted to “Current Constitutional Issues in the Americas.” It again featured outstanding presentations by renowned justices, judges, law professors, and other important constitutionalists.

The *Duquesne Law Review* now makes its latest contribution to inter-American juridical understanding and scholarly cooperation by publishing, in the present issue, the papers from the 2012 seminar. On behalf of all of those associated with the seminar, I thank the *Duquesne Law Review* and its staff, and in particular its editor-in-chief, Ms. Christine Giuliano, for their excellent work and unfailing cooperation, and I invite everyone to read, enjoy, and profit from the important articles that follow.

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