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In 2004, Duquesne University School of Law organized and sponsored an international seminar on "Federalism in the Americas ... and Beyond," which featured presentations by many of the most accomplished and articulate jurists of the Western Hemisphere and Europe. The success of that event encouraged us to continue to focus on constitutionalism in the New World, and so, in November 2006, the Law School sponsored an equally-successful seminar devoted to "Judicial Review in the Americas ... and Beyond." The papers presented and articles generated by the 2004 seminar are published in Volume 43, Number 4, and Volume 44, Number 1 of Duquesne Law Review ("DLR"). The papers and articles from the 2006 seminar are published in Volume 45, Number 3 of DLR.

In November 2008, in keeping with what by then had become a significant academic and juridical tradition—and with the whole-hearted and decisive support of the University's President and Provost—the Law School organized and hosted a seminar devoted to "Separation of Powers in the Americas ... and Beyond." As in the past, the seminar presenters were outstanding justices, judges, practicing lawyers, and law professors from the Americas and Europe. I am pleased and proud to say that their contributions to the 2008 seminar (and thus to comparative constitutional law) are set forth in the present volume.

All of us who have been associated with the 2008 seminar and its predecessors are most grateful to Duquesne Law Review for undertaking to publish the papers and articles associated with those events. Particular thanks for the present issue goes to the Editor-in-Chief of DLR, Mr. Joseph A. Valenti, for his leadership and professionalism. Special thanks go also to the Inter-American Bar Association for its cooperative association with all three seminars; to Duquesne University's President, Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, and its Provost, Dr. Ralph L. Pearson, for their unwavering support; to Very Reverend Lawrence A. DiNardo for his thoughtful

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and inspiring invocation; to faculty secretary Kathy Koehler for her tireless, cheerful, and most able coordination of the entire event; and to the eight Duquesne law students who, as volunteers, helped in a variety of ways.

It is our hope that you will find the present volume interesting and informative, and that it will occupy a permanent place in your office, library, or chambers.