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SYMPOSIUM: VITAL ISSUES IN NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

INTRODUCTION

On February 3, 1994, the *DePaul Law Review* presented its third annual Symposium, entitled *Vital Issues in National Health Care Reform*. Prompted by the enormous significance of President Clinton's pledge to reform our nation's health care system and by the subsequently-proposed Health Security Act, the *DePaul Law Review* organized this conference. Gathering experts in the field of health care from various backgrounds and with different areas of expertise, the Symposium provided an opportunity for the participants to discuss and analyze several topics, both legal and political, that are central to reform.¹

Because so many issues are vital to this reform process, it was not possible to address each in a one-day conference. Therefore, this Symposium focussed on four topics: enterprise liability, antitrust, the impact of reform on employers and the insurance industry, and the rights of disenfranchised consumers. The *DePaul Law Review* is proud to publish in this issue the articles of four of the Symposium participants: William M. Sage, Janet L. McDavid, Louise Trubek, and Anna Rappaport. Each article rests not only on firm theoretical underpinnings, but also contains observations and suggestions for practitioners, businesspeople, and citizens involved with or concerned about health care reform. In that respect, the *DePaul Law Review* is confident that this particular issue will be useful not only to the legal community, but to the community at large.

In closing, the editors of the *DePaul Law Review* wish to thank each of the Symposium participants, especially those who contributed articles, as well as those who attended the conference. A special thanks goes to DePaul College of Law faculty members

1. New reform plans have been proposed in Congress since the time of the Symposium. These articles were written based on legislation proposed as of February 1994.

Michelle Oberman, Jeff Atkinson, Michael Jacobs, Donald Hermann, and to Ginni Knittle in the DePaul Health Law Institute, all of whom assisted in organizing this conference. Thanks to the efforts of all of these people, the Symposium was a tremendous success.

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