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PREFACE

THE BOARD OF EDITORS of the *Villanova Law Review* takes great pride in presenting three articles on the subject of child abuse and neglect. Each contributor to this symposium is uniquely qualified to address the aspect of child abuse treated in his article.

Dr. Vincent J. Fontana is a noted authority and a pioneer in child abuse research and treatment. He is Medical Director and Pediatrician-in-Chief of the New York Foundling Hospital Center for Parent and Child Development, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine, and Chairman of the Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect for New York City. Dr. Fontana, who achieved national prominence with his innovative development of a multidisciplinary inpatient and outpatient treatment program for parents and children, has also written extensively on the subject. His most recent and widely acclaimed book is *Somewhere A Child Is Crying*.

Douglas J. Besharov is the Director of the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The National Center offers technical assistance to states in developing their programs for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect and monitors the states' compliance with the requirements of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974. Mr. Besharov, who was a principal drafter of several child protective statutes, is the author of *Juvenile Justice Advocacy*, and the former Executive Director of the New York State Assembly Select Committee on Child Abuse.

James R. Redeker, a practicing attorney in Philadelphia, is Co-Chairperson of the Committee on Child Abuse of the Young Lawyers Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Mr. Redeker has devoted considerable amounts of time and energy to the legal rights of the abused child.