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THIRD CIRCUIT REVIEW

EDITOR'S PREFACE

The *Villanova Law Review* is pleased to present the ninth annual *Third Circuit Review*. Judge Arlin Adams of the Third Circuit has recognized the far-reaching consequences of federal appellate decisions in stating that the courts of appeals "consider the full range of issues presented to federal courts, and, in most cases, they have the final word."¹ While we have been unable to review all of the noteworthy decisions rendered by the Third Circuit, we hope that our selected survey will serve to illuminate some of the difficult and complex issues which confronted the Third Circuit during the past year.

Through the format of student authored casenotes we have endeavored to accomplish the task of "developing the merits or uncovering the flaws in each opinion, relating a decision to the precedent that may control or conflict with the instant decision, and evaluating the impact a decision will have on the law and on our society."² In addition to the contributions of the authors, the Third Circuit Review Editor wishes to express her appreciation to the faculty members who have reviewed manuscripts and the diligent efforts of the Board of Editors and staff of the *Law Review* in making this Review possible.

As we are constantly striving to improve our service to the bench, bar, and the academic community, we would appreciate continuing input concerning methods to render the *Third Circuit Review* more beneficial to our readers. Please address any comments to the Third Circuit Review Editor.

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Third Circuit Review Editor

1. Adams, Book Review, 26 VILL. L. REV. 939, 940 (1981) (reviewing F. COFFIN, *THE WAYS OF A JUDGE: REFLECTIONS FROM THE FEDERAL APPELLATE BENCH* (1980)).

2. Seitz, *Introduction to the Third Circuit Review*, 19 VILL. L. REV. 279 (1973).