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INTRODUCTION TO SYMPOSIUM EDITION ON HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS: A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS¹

In May 2007, the *Homeowner Associations: Problems and Solutions Conference* was held in Trenton, New Jersey. The Conference was funded by the Lois and Stan Pratt Foundation and co-sponsored by Rutgers School of Law- Camden, Seton Hall Law School, and Rutgers Newark Law School. American Civil Liberties Union- New Jersey, League of Women Voters, AARP, Common Interest Homeowners Association, and New Jersey Appleaseed were among the organizations that participated in the May Conference.

This symposium edition offers a pragmatic examination of the unique legal and social issues encountered by residents of plan communities organized through homeowner associations. Through the participation of leading legal scholars, attorneys, New Jersey politicians and government representatives, and private citizens residing in planned communities the Conference proved to be a representation of the myriad of perspectives on the attempts to reconcile the structure of privately organized communities and public laws. The transcript of the Conference is accompanied by two additional articles. The first, written by Paula A. Franzese and Steven Siegel, comments on the recent New Jersey Supreme Court case, *Committee for a Better Twin Rivers v. Twin Rivers Homeowners' Association*. The second article, by Ed Hannaman provides a comprehensive analysis of the structural issues inherent in homeowner associations.

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