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Introduction

During the month of August 1990, Pepperdine University School of Law proudly welcomed the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court, as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. For three weeks, Justice Scalia taught a special course on the constitutional doctrine of Separation of Powers and in doing so demonstrated his skill as a gifted and captivating classroom teacher.

In recognition of Justice Scalia's visit to the University, the Editorial Board decided to devote a symposium issue to this extremely important theme. In several written opinions, and again in his foreword to this issue of the *Pepperdine Law Review*, Justice Scalia has raised the doctrine of Separation of Powers as the foundation on which the great American Liberties endure, and he has called for its continued development, definition, and enforcement. With the publication of this symposium issue, the Editorial Board seeks to further this effort by presenting a variety of articles exploring the history, development, and various applications of this vital doctrine.

This issue contains five lead articles written by distinguished experts in the field, each contributing an enlightening discussion of the impact which Separation of Powers has—or should have—on our tripartite form of government. The *Pepperdine Law Review* and the School of Law recognize the outstanding contributions made by these authors, and would like to thank each of them for sharing their views in this special issue. We are especially grateful to Justice Scalia for the Foreword which he has contributed.

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