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Foreword

Antitrust Aspects of International Transactions is the second annual conference the *Journal* and the Parker Society of International Law have sponsored at the University of North Carolina School of Law. I take great pleasure in noting that the proceedings of our first conference on *Drafting an International Sales Contract* have just been chosen for the Most Useful Article Award given by the publication *Lawyer's Brief*. Because of the basic, practical approach of the *Drafting* issue, the *Lawyer's Brief* and many practitioners have found the proceedings very helpful in dealing with the everyday problems of international sales contracts. The editors and staff of the *Journal*, along with our conference steering committee, sought to take the same basic approach to the challenges presented by international antitrust. As a result, this collection of articles addresses the most commonly faced issues in international antitrust today. The reader will find that the articles explore not only the most elementary antitrust principles, but also some of the most complex. Our goal has been to compile a useful, up-to-date handbook for the practitioner on the subject of international antitrust.

Financial backing was vital for both the conference and the publication of its proceedings. On this score the North Carolina World Trade Association must be thanked for its support of the September conference. I would also like to express the appreciation of the Board and Staff of the *Journal* to the Smith Richardson Foundation, whose grant has made the publication of these proceedings possible.

Finally, as with any worthwhile endeavor, many individuals worked long hours to produce both the conference and this issue. Most importantly, Becky Bowen and Joseph Schwertz, who co-chaired the conference, must be mentioned for their tireless work, especially over the summer months. In addition Professor Seymour Wurfel, Stuart Baesel, Ike Northup and the members of our steering committee combined forces to deal with all of the problems which accompany the planning for and execution of a successful conference. Many others, whose names appear on the masthead and table of contents of this publication were responsible for the production of this issue. My special thanks to them all.

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