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INTRODUCTION: THE THIRD ANNUAL BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE

On November 5–6, 2004, the William & Mary School of Law inaugurated the annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference to inquire into pressing American legal questions surrounding property rights. The conference is named after Toby Prince Brigham, a founding partner of Brigham Moore, LLP, and Professor Emeritus Gideon Kanner of Loyola Law School.

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The William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal is proud to publish pieces from the third annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference, which occurred on October 6–7, 2006, at the William & Mary School of Law and was co-sponsored by the William & Mary Property Rights Project and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law.

Professor James W. Ely, Jr., Milton R. Underwood Chair in Free Enterprise, Professor of Law and History, Vanderbilt University Law School, was awarded the 2006 Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize.

In this issue, the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal presents the following written contributions to the conference:

“A Frequent Recurrence to Fundamental Principles”: A Tribute to Jim Ely
John V. Orth

“A Poor Relation?” Reflections on a Panel Discussion Comparing Property Rights to Other Rights Enumerated in the Bill of Rights
Rashmi Dyal-Chand

In addition to these published scholars, the following scholars served as panelists at the conference: James M. Ely, Jr., Vanderbilt University; Stuart Banner, UCLA School of Law; Charles McCurdy, University of Virginia Department of History; Gerald Torres, University of Texas Law School; Michael Heller, Columbia Law School; Stephanie M. Stern, Loyola University Chicago Law School; Amy Brigham Boulris, Brigham Moore, LLP; Toby Prince Brigham, Brigham Moore, LLP; Michael Berger, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Los Angeles.

The William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal is driven to publish innovative, timely, and artful pieces that substantially contribute to the development of constitutional law. We trust these eminent ensembles provoke subsequent debate in the legal community to advance this development, especially in property rights. We are grateful to the participants for their additions to these ongoing discussions, particularly the authors of the articles included in this issue. We hope publication of this conference properly honors Messrs. Brigham and Kanner for their service.