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Foreword

On March 28, 2003, a distinguished group of leading academics and practitioners within the environmental and constitutional law fields convened at Pace University School of Law to participate in the Pace Environmental Law Review's "Symposium on Environmental Law and the Constitution." The Symposium served as a forum for the participants to stimulate a lively exchange of ideas on the subject of Constitutional Constraints on Environmental Law.

Pursuant to the overall theme of the Symposium, the participants compared and contrasted constitutional protection clauses in the United States, the European Union, Africa, and Argentina. In particular, the Symposium's discussion served to highlight the conflicts between environmental law and constitutions, focusing on such issues as takings, the commerce clause, the supremacy clause and federalism, and citizen suits and the separation of powers.

This issue of the Pace Environmental Law Review contains the papers written by the participants in association with their Symposium presentation. I invite you to read on as the participants express their views on the Constitutional Constraints on Environmental Law. The editors of the Pace Environmental Law Review are grateful to them all for their participation in the Symposium.

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