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INTRODUCTION

Although the historic preservation field has generated a great deal of interest over the past several years, and particularly within the past few months, there is a dearth of published material dealing with the area.

On September 22 and 23, 1978, the New York Landmark Conservancy and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York sponsored a conference at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The proceedings of that conference were never published. Although certain aspects may be slightly dated, we believe that the vast majority of the information is as relevant to the controversies today as it was then. For this reason, we have chosen to publish the transcript of that conference.

In the hope that it will make the materials more valuable to our readers, the Pace Law Review staff has included notes following the transcripts.

We are grateful to Nicholas A. Robinson, Professor of Law at Pace University School of Law, for his introductory piece which serves to update the materials in the transcript and gives an overview of recent developments in the field of historic preservation, and for his supervision and coordination of the materials presented in this special issue.