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## SYMPOSIUM

### PREFACE

This symposium volume of the INDIANA LAW REVIEW celebrates and memorializes the presentations made at the 2010 annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in New Orleans. At that meeting, the Section on Real Estate Transactions and the Section on Property Law jointly sponsored a program entitled *Law as Transformative Agent: Thinking and Doing Law in New Categories*. Four speakers from that program contribute the fruits of their scholarly inquiry to this volume: Steven J. Eagle, George Mason University School of Law; Robin Paul Malloy, Syracuse University College of Law; Rigel C. Oliveri, University of Missouri School of Law; and Aleatra P. Williams, Charleston School of Law. In addition, Carol N. Brown of the University of North Carolina School of Law, who served as Chair of the AALS Section on Property Law, contributes a paper, as do I as Chair of the AALS Section on Real Estate Transactions.

As I explain more fully in my paper, the topic for the joint program follows from the theme—Transformative Law—that AALS President Rachel Moran chose for her term of office. Broadly stated, our program's goal was to identify ways real estate transaction law and property law can serve as agents of transformation. The papers in this volume approach that goal from diverse perspectives and employ a range of approaches, including conceptual, comparative, and reform analyses. We hope you find the articles in this volume to be intellectually stimulating.

There are several people who deserve public recognition for making this symposium volume possible. First and foremost, thanks go to the contributing authors for supporting the Section on Real Estate Transactions and the Section on Property Law and for sharing their insights in this volume. I also want to thank the officers, especially current Chair Wilson Freyermuth, and members of the executive board of the Section on Real Estate Transactions for their assistance with planning our program and for all of their other contributions during my year as Chair. Special thanks also go to Professor Brown, who as Chair of the Section on Property Law was an able and amiable partner.

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