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INTRODUCTION

In September 2000, the *Saint Louis University Law Journal*, Dean Jeffrey E. Lewis and the Saint Louis University School of Law faculty were pleased to host the annual Richard J. Childress Memorial Lecture. Featuring Professor Jerold H. Israel,¹ Ed Rood Eminent Scholar at the University Of Florida College of Law, Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan Law School, and nationally recognized authority on criminal law and criminal procedure, the Lecture was a premier academic event.

The Childress Lecture was named for former Saint Louis University School of Law Dean, 1969-1976, Richard J. Childress. The lecture commemorates the numerous contributions he made academically, socially and ethically to benefit the School of Law. Dean Childress was a member of the faculty at the School of Law for almost thirty years, and then served for fifteen years as associate dean and dean. He is credited with founding the *Saint Louis University Law Journal* and building the Omer Poos Law Library, which today holds more than 585,000 resources for law students and faculty. During his term as dean, enrollment of women and minorities at the School of Law soared, and interdisciplinary joint degree programs were established with the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health. In addition to his strong commitment to the School of Law, Dean Childress was dedicated to legal service, holding memberships in the American Law Institute and the Missouri Bar Committee on the Bill of Rights. Dean Childress was a highly respected professor who was well known for his broad and visionary approach to teaching constitutional law.² The Richard J. Childress Memorial Lecture was established from the generosity and commitment of alumni and friends of the former dean. Its purpose is to enhance the exemplary teaching at the School of Law by bringing world-renowned scholars to the School of Law for academic enrichment.

In this volume, the *Law Journal* is pleased to present Professor Israel's article, *Free-Standing Due Process and Criminal Procedure: The Supreme Court's Search for Interpretive Guidelines*,³ along with responding and

1. The members of the *Law Journal* would like to thank Professor Israel for sharing his insight and knowledge with us during his visit to the School of Law. His candid responses to our many questions and his willingness to provide guidance and advice were greatly appreciated. We have been honored and pleased to work with Professor Israel these past months and extend our sincere appreciation for this opportunity.

2. See *Richard Jefferson Childress in Memoriam*, 45 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 1, 1-11 (1977).

3. See 45 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 303 (2001).

contributing articles by top criminal procedure and constitutional law scholars in the country. Professor Israel's article has been hailed by his responding colleagues as "a tremendously helpful compendium that will be required reading for all serious students of constitutional criminal procedure"⁴; and a "meticulous and exhaustive review of the Supreme Court's due process jurisprudence [which] reflects the highest standards of legal scholarship."⁵ We anticipate that this is only the beginning of the recognition that this landmark piece will receive from the legal community.

One special highlight of the Childress Lecture, which cannot be fully captured in the articles set forth herein, was the spirited debate that accompanied Professor Israel's presentation. The *Law Journal* and the School of Law welcomed Professors Donald A. Dripps, John E. Nowak, Margaret L. Paris and Kevin C. McMunigal as participants in the Childress Lecture events. We appreciated their energy and interest. The *Law Journal* would also like to express sincere thanks to Professors Roger L. Goldman and Alan J. Howard for moderating at the Childress Lecture events and providing general guidance throughout the planning process. The members of the *Law Journal* are proud to publish this Childress Lecture volume, reviving and firmly establishing the tradition of scholarship that Dean Childress began.

4. See Carol S. Steiker, *Solving Some Due Process Puzzles: A Response to Jerold Israel*, 45 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 445 (2001).

5. See Donald A. Dripps, *On the Costs of Uniformity and the Prospects of Dualism in Constitutional Criminal Procedure*, 45 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 433 (2001).