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PREFACE

In April 2002, the Wyoming Law Review Editorial Board began discussing ideas for topics of a timely and pertinent symposium, which could be held at the University of Wyoming College of Law in Laramie, Wyoming, sponsored by the Wyoming Law Review. At that time, the Enron "debacle" was current news and the idea of Ethics in Corporate Governance was adopted as the theme of the symposium. The articles in this edition of the law review cover the entire gambit of ethics in corporate governance - from big corporations, with publicly traded stock, to the small "Mom and Pop" businesses owned by family members. Just as comprehensive is the discussion of the sources of laws and rules establishing and delineating the roles and duties of attorneys in their dealings with large and small corporations from the new Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the SEC rules promulgated thereunder, to the states' Rules of Professional Conduct. Whether you are an attorney in general practice, specialize in securities law, or are involved with governing a corporation as a non-lawyer, this Symposium addresses issues pertaining to you. The Board wishes to thank all the authors for their outstanding works, their time, and their contribution to the Wyoming Law Review and the law school in general. The Board also expresses its gratitude to Dean Jerry Parkinson, Professor John Burman, Professor Harvey Gelb, and the faculty and staff of the University of Wyoming College of Law. Their initial help, ideas, and support were invaluable. The Board hopes that all readers come away with a sense of the importance of this topic: Ethics in Corporate Governance.

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