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Since the inception of this Law Review in 1894, it frequently has been hampered by severe financial shortage. In at least two instances, this problem has forced a suspension of publication; more frequently it has resulted in a distress call to members of the West Virginia Bar — a call which has always been answered favorably.

In an attempt to alleviate the Law Review's perennial financial crisis, a trust fund has been established with the West Virginia Foundation. The West Virginia Foundation administers gifts and bequests to the University, and acts as trustee when property is donated for a specific purpose. It is hoped that our readers will take advantage of the opportunity to gain an income tax deduction, and contribute (or perhaps bequeath) to the West Virginia Law Review Trust. If contributions to the trust fund meet our expectations, the Law Review should never again be in the embarrassing position of having to beg funds from our readers in order to publish that year's volume. If you desire additional information concerning the trust fund, please contact the Law Review or the West Virginia Foundation.

As part of a continuing effort to be of greater service to the West Virginia Bar, we have restricted our Abstracts to West Virginia decisions. In addition, future issues of this Volume will contain capsulized opinions of the Attorney General of West Virginia. We welcome your criticism and suggestions as to how we can improve the Law Review and provide greater assistance to the West Virginia Bar.

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