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# THE WORK OF THE LOUISIANA APPELLATE COURTS FOR THE 1961-1962 TERM

*A Symposium*

## INTRODUCTION

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For twenty-five years the *Louisiana Law Review* has published annually a survey of the work of the Louisiana Supreme Court. This year, for the first time, the scope of this symposium has been expanded to include the courts of appeal of Louisiana. Coverage in the symposium in the work of the intermediate appellate courts has always been desirable, but attendant difficulties in the past have discouraged the *Review* from attempting it.

The constitutional revision in 1960 of the appellate system in Louisiana has increased the need for some kind of systematic analysis of the work of Louisiana's courts of appeal. In some areas — Civil Procedure, for example — a large proportion of the more significant cases never reach the Supreme Court under the present appellate system.

The main difficulty produced by including intermediate appellate decisions in the survey is, of course, that of bulk. A survey of the work of all Louisiana appellate courts cannot be exhaustive; selectivity of coverage is a necessary consequence. But limitation of coverage to the decisions of the Supreme Court, after all, is also a form of selectivity. The present expansion of the scope of the symposium is based upon a preference for conscious selection exercised by each of its authors, rather than exclusion of material on the basis of the limitations imposed by the scope of the Supreme Court's jurisdiction and, to the extent that its jurisdiction is discretionary, that court's own choice of cases for review.

One other change has been made in the structure of the symposium. The coverage of the symposium has been limited, unless otherwise expressly noted, to decisions that became final before July 1, 1962.

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