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INTRODUCTION TO 1975 SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW

The Institute of Civil Law Studies of the Louisiana State University Law School is pleased to publish under its auspices this "1975 Special Issue" of the Louisiana Law Review to follow up on the one that appeared last year. The emphasis is on civil law and comparative law, and includes as its first article an essay by Professor T. B. Smith of Edinburgh, Scotland, which extends and documents the fourth of the John H. Tucker, jr. Lectures in Civil Law.

In the 1974 Special Issue (La. L. Rev. vol. 34, no. 5) there was an article on "Abuse of Rights in France and Quebec" by Judge Albert Mayrand of Montreal, Quebec, and a number of further discussions about "abuse of rights" are contained in this issue. An attempt is being made to bring together some information and understanding about the developments of this doctrine in various countries; the overlapping that may exist in the several essays can serve to amplify or add different dimensions to an appreciation of the significance and utilization of the concept of abuse of right.

Of particular significance in Louisiana at the present time is the article on the Netherlands Civil Code Revision by Dr. Hartkamp of the Ministry of Justice in The Hague. The Louisiana program of Civil Code revision being carried on by the Louisiana State Law Institute has been moving along slowly and it is hoped that the rate of progress can be accelerated. In this process it is helpful to know about the experiences of other countries, and this article about the Netherlands adds to the one about Quebec which appeared in the 1974 Special Issue.

The other items in this 1975 Special Issue of the Louisiana Law Review are self-explanatory. The Institute of Civil Law Studies is extremely grateful to all the authors for their interest and collaboration, and in some cases for the translations which make possible these contributions to the current legal literature in the English language.

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