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SYMPOSIUM

COMPREHENSIVE JUDICIAL REFORM— A TIMELY ALTERNATIVE TO PIECEMEAL MODIFICATION

INTRODUCTION

The Washington Legislature currently has before it Senate Joint Resolution 113, a proposal to comprehensively reform the judicial system in Washington by amending Article IV of the Washington constitution. The proposed changes include a new system for selecting, disciplining and removing judges; a new procedure for financing and administering the courts; and unification of Washington's judicial system. Carefully analyzing this proposal for judicial reform in Washington, United States Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark (retired), Washington Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Utter, and Professor Luvern V. Rieke probe and discuss the substantive issues raised by the legislation. Their analysis should be helpful to all those interested in judicial reform—legislators, judges, lawyers, and Washington voters, who may be asked to approve or disapprove Senate Joint Resolution 113 as early as November 1974.