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In the latest edition of the annual Second Circuit Note, the St. John’s Law Review focuses its attention upon select cases decided by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit during the September 1975 Term.

The Review is honored to have as the author of the Foreword to this year’s Second Circuit Note Circuit Judge Ellsworth A. Van Graafeiland. Judge Van Graafeiland has contributed a thoughtful assessment of the impact upon the federal securities laws of the Supreme Court’s recent decision in Ernst & Ernst v. Hochfelder.

The objective of the Second Circuit Note is to provide a comprehensive analysis of the principal cases before the Second Circuit, thereby affording the practitioner a basic research tool. To this end, this year’s Note covers nine subject areas. Time and space, however, necessarily limit the list of cases treated. Among the significant cases included are Marshel v. AFW Fabric Corp. and Green v. Santa Fe Industries, Inc. (going private as a violation of rule 10b-5), and Title Guarantee Co. v. NLRB (application of the Freedom of Information Act in NLRB enforcement proceedings). The Note has paid particular attention to those cases destined to be reviewed by the Supreme Court. Thus, Economou v. United States Department of Agriculture (immunity afforded administrative officials), In re Pen Register (judicial authority to compel installation of a pen register), and Pittston Stevedoring Corp. v. Dellaventura (scope of employee coverage under the Longshoremen’s and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act), all of which have been granted certiorari, have been extensively treated. We trust that the critical analyses of the Second Circuit Note will promote a fuller understanding of the issues before the Court.

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