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In this issue, the *St. John's Law Review* presents its fourth annual critique of the work of one of the nation's major appellate tribunals. As in the past, the *Second Circuit Note* seeks to report and discuss some of the more significant cases decided by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The treated cases were drawn from the opinions handed down during the September 1973 term of the court and range over 10 subject areas.

The *Review* is honored to present as the author of this year's Foreword, Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who is completing his first term as Chief Judge of the Second Circuit. Judge Kaufman, long recognized as a leading authority on sentencing, provides an insightful discussion of two of the most controversial issues in the area of sentencing—the factors that enter into sentences and the extent to which appellate courts should be permitted to review imposed sentences.

Despite the voluminous number of decisions handed down by the Second Circuit, space considerations necessarily limit the scope of coverage. Thus, we have endeavored to provide a comprehensive analysis of selected decisions from a broad range of topic areas. Four of the treated cases will be resolved ultimately by the Supreme Court. Writs of certiorari have been granted in *Rose v. Department of the Air Force* (public access to agency personnel files under the Freedom of Information Act), *Salem Inn, Inc. v. Frank* (federal intervention in state court proceedings), *Reid v. Immigration and Naturalization Service* (exemption from deportation), and *Forman v. Community Services, Inc.* (stock in cooperative subject to securities laws). It is hoped that the critical analysis contained herein will contribute to an understanding of the issues which confronted the Second Circuit and will be of assistance in the future to practitioners before the federal courts.

The Editors