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The evolution of the field of study called "law and economics" presupposes a complementary relationship between the disciplines. While economics may complement law by useful descriptions, it is of very limited use in assessing the explanations for choices and the quality of agreements. The conventional economic observations that choices reveal preferences and that agreements stemming from these choices achieve Pareto Superior outcomes fall well short of providing a useful standard for legal theory. A more meaningful theory is one that goes behind choice and preference to their social and psychological determinants.

RANKING LAW REVIEWS: AN EMPIRICAL

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Over the years, a number of attempts have been made to rank the law reviews of American law schools. These efforts, which have relied on either citation counts or usage surveys, have been plagued by methodology errors and criticized for including too few journals. To overcome such problems, this Essay ranks 161 law reviews according to a new system based on author prominence. The *Columbia Law Review*, with an overall score of 553.74, is found to be the nation's top law review; Harvard, NYU, Virginia, and UCLA round out the top five.

THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE AND

PREVENTIVE LAW: A COMBINED CONCENTRATION TO INVIGORATE THE EVERYDAY PRACTICE OF LAW

Therapeutic jurisprudence, which studies the law's impact on emotional life, is an interdisciplinary perspective that views the law itself as often producing therapeutic or anti-therapeutic consequences. This Essay demonstrates how a preventive law approach—and a preventive law "legal checkup" in particular—can provide the context for applying the law therapeutically in everyday law practice.

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## CHOICE OF LAW CLAUSES AND THEIR

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The United States Supreme Court has decided two cases concerning the ability of contracting parties to bypass the preemptive provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act. The two cases, Volt v. Board of Trustees and Mastrobuono v. Shearson Lehman Hutton, Inc., appear to be in conflict and the Court's token effort to harmonize them is unpersuasive. This Article analyzes these cases and proposes that, by limiting the holding of each case to a distinct and defined ambit, they can be rationally reconciled.

#### THE BATTERED WOMAN SYNDROME IN THE

AGE OF SCIENCE......David L. Faigman and Amy J. Wright

In the last decade, a majority of courts have accepted the use of expert testimony concerning the battered woman syndrome for a wide variety of purposes, ranging from defense use in homicide cases to government use in domestic abuse prosecutions. Although syndrome proponents view this acceptance as a triumph for female defendants, the authors argue that this widespread acceptance of expert testimony regarding battered woman syndrome is severely flawed and fails to meet the United States Supreme Court's test for the admissibility of scientific evidence described in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc. In addition, the use of syndrome evidence, especially in domestic homicide cases, has devastating consequences for women. Too often, courts in these cases focus more time debating the mental deficiency and relative helplessness of the female defendant than the reasonableness of her actions. The use of syndrome evidence has served only to solidify some of the most archaic and destructive stereotypes about women who kill their batterers. The authors conclude that battered woman syndrome expert testimony will fall into disuse as courts come to appreciate that it lacks virtually any basis in valid science, and proponents come to realize that it is inimical to their political cause.

# TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: A

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In this Article, Professor Hughes critiques statutory rights of redemption and anti-deficiency laws as mortgagor protection devices that often allow borrowers to avoid taking personal responsibility for their mortgage obligations. He begins by exploring traditional arguments for and against maintaining these devices, then proceeds to discuss their moral implications. Professor Hughes concludes by suggesting that mortgagors could receive adequate protection through appropriate prequalification by lenders, and by comprehensive and easily understandable disclosures to potential mortgagors.

JUDICIAL FICTIONS: IMAGES OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES IN THE NOVEL,

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In the past fifty years, the figure of the Supreme Court Justice has emerged as a frequent character in novels, plays, and films. Following each of three major events—the landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education, the success of The Brethren with a large lay audience, and the controversial rejection of Robert Bork's nomination—the Court became increasingly familiar to the public as a powerful institution. This heightened popular awareness of the Court's role in American life is reflected in a series of fictional works presenting Supreme Court Justices engaged in judicial conduct. Although the Court itself remains a respected institution in these works, its Justices undergo a decline from the reverential treatment of Oliver Wendell Holmes in The Magnificent Yankee through mildly critical portraits of stuffy or political judges to the most recent and most severely critical representations of deeply flawed individuals in the popular literary genre of the legal thriller.

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This Article addresses whether the Constitution prohibits Congress from delegating power to states and when Congress should be understood to delegate legislative rather than administrative power. For many reasons, Congress routinely relies upon states (and is beginning to rely more heavily upon Indian tribes) to effectuate federal policies. But when Congress authorizes states to create and to implement federal laws, Congress may impermissibly alter the allocation of federal powers vested by the Consitution in Congress and the President. As a result, federal officials may not be held to account for policies that can be enforced by federal courts. When states receive such power, out-of-state citizens are excluded from political processes that effectively specify federal policies. "Cooperative federalism" thus poses serious normative and structural concerns.

TRANSFER TAX VALUATION ISSUES, THE

GAME THEORY, AND FINAL OFFER ARBITRATION: A MODEST PROPOSAL

Determination of fair market value is one of the central issues of the federal transfer tax. The current adjudication process prompts taxpayers and the government to adopt valuation extremes in anticipation that a court will compromise their differences. The game theory suggests that final offer arbitration offers a better method to resolve valuation disputes, causing parties to narrow their differences and, in so doing, encouraging out-of-court settlements.

## Notes

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The Ninth Circuit, in Beam v. Paskett, found that a state supreme court's mandatory review of a death sentence creates a presumption that the state addressed unraised sentencing issues. This Note applies Beam's reasoning to Arizona's automatic review of death sentences under Arizona Criminal Rule of Procedure 31.2(b). The author concludes that, based on Arizona case law and public policy, those on Arizona's death row should be allowed to raise federal constitutional claims on federal habeas corpus appeal when their lawyers inadvertently fail to raise those claims before the Arizona state courts.

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In Central Bank v. First Interstate Bank, the Supreme Court held that no private cause of action for aiding and abetting securities fraud exists under section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This decision signals an end to secondary liability for fraudulent conduct under federal securities laws. This Note analyzes the elements of aiding and abetting liability prior to Central Bank, the Court's decision and its ramifications on the liability of securities professionals.