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Welcome, and thank you for attending the American University Law Review's annual symposium. This year's symposium, *Overcriminalization: The Politics of Crime*, will examine broader criminal enforcement of environmental, economic, and health care offenses. Today, we have the privilege of presenting three panels composed of distinguished scholars and practitioners sharing their views on various aspects of these rules.

The panels will discuss a variety of recent regulatory developments. These developments include the extension of criminal liability to negligence and failures of supervision, the eradication of the requirement of a mens rea, the blurred distinction between conduct warranting criminal sanctions and/or civil sanctions, and the expansion of prosecution and legislation with respect to extraterritorial crimes.

This event could not have been made possible without the efforts of Professor Ellen S. Podgor, Paul Rosenzweig, Professor Stephen Wermiel, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Heritage Foundation. To build upon today's discussions, the Law Review will publish articles written by participating panelists in Volume 54.3. We invite you to participate in future events sponsored by the American University Law Review and the Washington College of Law. We hope you enjoy the symposium.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Serio

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