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FOREWORD: "IS THE UCC DEAD, OR ALIVE AND WELL? INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES"

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There is an Irish proverb that says: "You can't look at anything from where you can see it from." Leaving aside the grammar, there is a "whole lotta" truth in this remark. You do not get a valuable perspective on anything if you are too close to it.

Hence the reason for this Symposium. In order to obtain a proper perspective on the Uniform Commercial Code (Code), it is helpful to step back a bit—to look at the Code through the eyes of lawyers and scholars from abroad. They come to the text of the Code without any preconceptions and without the inevitable pressure to justify their own scholarly ideas in print. They will also see the text of the Code through the prism of their own commercial law codes and statutes.

Thus, the Editors of the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* asked commercial and comparative law scholars from various countries and backgrounds to comment on the Code, or on U.S. commercial law generally, from their own peculiar vantage points. What follows demonstrates the wisdom of the Irish proverb: You can look at something better when you are not too close to it.

What follows is also the final segment of a three-part treatment of the Code. In 1993 the *Law Review* published a symposium entitled "*Is the UCC Dead, or Alive and Well?*" including all academic contributors.¹ In 1995 the *Law Review* published a second symposium with the same title—this time, however, all of the contributors were practitioners.² It is hoped that this trinity of writings has made a lasting contribution to Code jurisprudence.

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1. See Bryan D. Hull, *Foreword: "Is the UCC Dead, or Alive and Well?,"* 26 *LOY. L.A. L. REV.* 535 (1993).

2. See Amelia H. Boss, *Foreword: "Is the UCC Dead, or Alive and Well? An Introduction to the Practitioners' Perspectives,"* 28 *LOY. L.A. L. REV.* 89 (1994).

