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In late December, 1975 the Black Law Journal Board of Directors began to consider the idea of convening a symposium on the problems minority candidates were (and are) encountering in their attempts to become members of the bar and the inextricably related issue of the manner in which the bar examination process is administered from state to state. While there had been separate studies conducted by state bar associations and private organizations, it was observed that there had yet to be a national gathering of those parties to exchange information and ideas on solving the issues involved. Thus, on May 1, 1976, the Black Law Journal, with the cooperation of the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the U.C.L.A. Center for Afro-American Studies, sponsored the symposium *The Minority Candidate and the Bar Examination*.

The publication of the edited transcripts of and papers presented at the symposium is the result of the cooperative efforts of organized sectors of the academic and professional legal community, as well as some distinctive individuals. Finding additional sponsors to assist in the underwriting of conference expenses was difficult, but there were a few institutions that deserve special acknowledgment. First, to the Beverly Hills Bar Association many thanks are tendered for providing not only financial assistance, but for participating in the conference; I single out particularly Harold Hart-Nibbrig, Lawrence Irell, and Norma Zarchy for a prompt response to a call for help. Special thanks goes to the U.C.L.A. Law School, especially Dean Warren and Assistant Dean of Students Fred Slaughter, for permitting the symposium to be held in its facilities in addition to making financial contributions. Further thanks is extended to the Bay Area Bar Review Course, Inc. and the Josephson's Bar Review Center of America, Inc. for contributing time and money towards a thorough investigation of the minority bar admission problem.

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