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CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Green Bag* invites submissions for its first micro-symposium, to be published in our Winter 2013 issue.

Theme: Professor Orin S. Kerr's new work: *A Theory of Law*, 16 *Green Bag* 2d 111 (2012).

Invited topics: Any commentary on *A Theory of Law* that is novel, interesting, and not mean-spirited. Humor optional. Professor Kerr will, of course, be given a chance to have the last word. Whether he will take that chance remains to be seen.

Length limit: No longer than the original *A Theory of Law*, which is 164 words long, including title, byline, and footnotes. (It is reproduced in its entirety below.)

Deadline: Finished works must be received at editors@greenbag.org by December 25, 2012. No extensions will be granted and no post-deadline tinkering will be permitted.

Selection criteria: Works will be selected for publication by the *Green Bag* and Professor Kerr based on their novelty, interestingness, and good-spiritedness.

A THEORY OF LAW

Orin S. Kerr

IT IS A COMMON PRACTICE among law review editors to demand that authors support every claim with a citation. These demands can cause major headaches for legal scholars. Some claims are so obvious or obscure that they have not been made before. Other claims are made up or false, making them more difficult to support using references to the existing literature.

Legal scholars need a source they can cite when confronted with these challenges. It should be something with an impressive but generic title. I offer this page, with the following conclusion: If you have been directed to this page by a citation elsewhere, it is plainly true that the author's claim is correct. For further support, consult the extensive scholarship on the point.¹

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¹ See generally Orin S. Kerr, *A Theory of Law*, 16 *GREEN BAG* 2D 111 (2012).