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Professor Donald Schwartz’ article on “Business Combinations Under New SEC Rules” is up to the usual level of high scholarship consistently demonstrated by him. However, it is more of an historical analysis than a current contribution. In short, it was drafted from the perspective of the old SEC business combination Rule 133, prior to the adoption of the SEC’s new position on mergers and other business combinations, i.e. Rule 145. Professor Schwartz’ article is followed by a very brief piece by Alan B. Levinson, the Director of the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance, on the SEC approaches to Rule 144. This article must be viewed not only as too brief to be a significant contribution, but also as suffering from the same problem of passage of time that affects Professor Schwartz’ contribution.

In summary, the editors of the Northwestern University Law Review and the contributors of the articles contained in the Guide to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 144, published by the Review, have joined together to produce a scholarly and practical work on restricted securities—Rule 144. As of this writing, the volume is still worth its $15.00 purchase price. One can easily conjecture, however, that the high quality of this effort would have been greatly enhanced had the volume been published in looseleaf form and been kept current as a lettered stock service in the years to come. Such a task, however, may be beyond the view of legitimate law review efforts and, at the very least, the volume in its present form is a substantial accomplishment and solid contribution.

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