

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1992 promises to be a year of change in energy law and policy both in Congress and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Oil pipeline, electric and natural gas issues are all being debated by policy makers in government and in the private sector. Environmental concerns have complicated and enlivened the debate. Procedural and substantive evolution continues apace. We are fortunate to have the *Energy Law Journal* as a chronicle and analyzer of change, providing scholarly insight on major issues.

The Federal Energy Bar Association will also be on the cusp of change. We are providing strong, insightful programs to guide and inform members. We will be exploring methods of recognizing excellence in energy law and seeking ways to assist the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission meet its obligations. The Energy Bar has already filed comments in rulemaking proceedings involving alternative dispute resolution and changes to rules governing the conduct of federal employees. We have, under the leadership of immediate Past President John Miller, established an ad hoc committee, chaired by John Holtzinger, to examine proposed structural changes to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Yet, we will not stop with these efforts. Members have recently been provided a survey to determine other ways the Energy Bar can serve its members. The Officers and Board Members of the Energy Bar and the *Energy Law Journal* all seek your thoughts on how best to meet the needs of our members and subscribers.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming challenges in our practice and look forward to serving you and working with you in the upcoming months.

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