

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When this President's Message appears in the *Energy Law Journal*, six months of my term will have expired. It has been a busy and productive period.

I appointed an *ad hoc* Membership Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association under the leadership of Jennifer Waters, our Vice-President. The charge of this Committee is to conduct a review of the membership profile of the Association and to suggest ways to increase membership and services.

Planning for the 50th Anniversary of the Association is underway. Richard Rosan, a former president of the Association, is well along with his review of the Association's records as part of chronicling the history of our Association. President-Elect Carmen Gentile has begun the process of establishing a Program Committee for the anniversary celebration which will occur at the Association's 1996 Annual Meeting.

The Boards of Directors of the Association and Foundation are in the process of reviewing various investment options for the corpus of funds held by the Foundation. The corpus has grown through the generous support of individual members of the Association, law firms, and corporate donors. The time has come to put in place a strategy for the professional management of these funds to assure continued publication of the *Energy Law Journal* and other potential educational endeavors.

The Association successfully co-sponsored a joint educational program with the New England Association in the spring of 1994. It is hoped that this program will become an annual event. Discussions also have been had with officials at the Southern Gas Association to co-sponsor a similar seminar. By sponsoring regional programs, the Board of Directors of the Association hopes to better meet the educational needs of our members.

This issue of the *Energy Law Journal* is truly outstanding and evidences the preeminence of the *Journal* as a scholarly forum. Federal and state commissioners, a federal judge, an Assistant Secretary of Energy, and two academicians have contributed thoughtful articles to this issue. The hard work of Bill Mogel, the Editor-in-Chief of the *Energy Law Journal*, to achieve this level of scholarly work, deserves to be recognized by all members of the Association.

Finally, I note with sadness that, in addition to Mr. Shibley, a past President, four distinguished members of our Association recently passed away: Frank Caskin, John Cleary, Russell Fleming and Morton Simons. Their contributions to the energy industry were significant and will be missed.

J. Richard Tiano
President

