

President's Message

This issue of the *Energy Law Journal* completes its seventh year of excellent service to practitioners. Members of the Federal Energy Bar Association have reason to be proud of this professional publication, and to be appreciative of the efforts of William A. Mogel, Editor-in-Chief, Professor John Lowe of the National Energy Law and Policy Institute, and members of the editorial staff. Special recognition is due to the Student editors and Staff who have made a major contribution to the quality of the *Journal*.

The Federal Energy Bar Association has continued to expand its activities. In July, it joined with the Natural Resources and Public Utility Sections of the American Bar Association to sponsor a program on Order No. 451. A Houston Chapter has been formed and creation of a New Orleans Chapter has been approved. The Association's mid-year program, which had been scheduled in the month of January in prior years, was moved to November this year. Other programs and workshops in Washington and in other cities are planned in addition to the annual meeting in May.

With the major changes in all aspects of energy regulation that now are unfolding, as well as the marked changes in economic circumstances of the energy industry, programs of the Association provide a unique and important opportunity for an exchange of professional views from all segments of the industry and the public. In addition to the programs provided by the Association, our Committees provide reports which are printed in the *Journal* and which provide a review of important developments in energy law and regulations. The Association also provides for the periodic distribution of court opinions to its members.

All of these activities require time and dedicated efforts by a large number of the members in the Association. The end result is that the Association continues to grow and now has become a major institution in the energy law practice.

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