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"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

- Jackie Robinson

This month a new movie was released titled simply "42." For baseball fans and millions around the world, the film about Jackie Robinson sparked conversations about the life of this remarkable America hero. Robinson's courage and grace changed the course of American history and his life's work remains a beacon of light in a world clouded by bigotry and intolerance.

The film inspired me to think more deeply about the meaning of Robinson's life. A few days later, an Energy Bar Association colleague asked why I spent so much time working on the *Energy Law Journal*. The colleague suggested there were other, more important things to focus on and indicated that if I was not zealously representing a client on some important matter I was not being productive.

My answer was immediate and heartfelt. Through my work on the *Energy Law Journal*, I do my best, in a small way, to have an impact on other lives. Pulling together each volume of the *Energy Law Journal* is an honor. The readers can assess better than I whether it is truly useful and has an impact.

In 1972, the Reverend Jesse Jackson gave a powerful eulogy describing what Jackie Robinson's life meant to the game of baseball and our country as a whole, proclaiming "Jackie's body was a temple of God. An instrument of peace."

Jackie Robinson used his gifts to make a difference. May his life inspire us all to have an impact on other lives, no matter how big or small.

Respectfully,

Bob Fleishman