

## **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S PAGE**

As I've written before on this Page, the Energy Law Journal is a key source for the history of energy law and policy. Beginning in 1980, the ELJ has charted the dynamic and, at times, incremental changes in this critical industry and become a well-recognized forum for the exploration of cutting-edge energy issues.

The Journal serves an important function as chronicler for the Energy Bar Association. In this volume, we begin the tradition of publishing the names of former Presidents of the Association, the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal, and the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association.

In addition, we publish In Memoriams for esteemed members of the EBA. Since 1986, dozens have been published but never have so many been published in one volume. We honor now the lives of four vibrant individuals who made significant and numerous contributions to the field of energy law: Judge Richard (Dick) Cudahy; Karen Hill; Andrew Soto; and Frank Saponaro. I urge you to read the tributes to them and reflect deeply.

In closing, this has been a particularly painful period for me as my Mother died about three months ago. I got the heartbreaking news on my way to Tulsa for my twice yearly meeting with the students and faculty at the University of Tulsa Law School who are so important to the Energy Law Journal's success. I offer special thanks to Harvey Reiter and Kat Gamache, our Executive Editor and Administrative Editor respectively, for pitching in more than usual to get this volume published and working hard to maintain our high standards.

As my Mother often said, "in our short journey on Earth a person should try hard to make a difference in the lives of others, and do so with integrity, passion, and humor."

Good words to remember.

Respectfully,

Bob Fleishman