

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The *Energy Law Journal* (*ELJ*) has given the Energy Bar Association (EBA) much to be proud of since the first issue in 1980. The *ELJ* is peer reviewed by some of EBA's preeminent practitioners, articles are screened by professionals interested in ensuring timeliness and relevance to energy practice, and we rarely get the law wrong. In all of this,¹ the *ELJ* distinguishes itself from the pack.

For this accomplishment, we have the hard work, dedication, and talent of the *ELJ*'s Editorial Board, working with the support of the members of the Board of the Foundation for the Energy Law Journal (FELJ). Newly minted (though not so new) Editor-in-Chief, Harvey Reiter, is ably assisted by Executive Editor Caileen Gamache, Administrative Editor, Nicholas Cicale, and a raft of talented Articles and Notes editors. Harvey served as Executive Articles Editor for many years, working with Bob Fleishman, to whom we owe great thanks for his many years of service at the helm. Old EBA hands (a group in which I may be included) will count all of these terrific people as friends and peers who do us proud.

This issue continues our long tradition of timely, expert pieces, including David Savitski's "LMPs for (Technically-Inclined) Dummies," Christine Tezak's "A Policy Analyst's View on Litigation Risk Facing Natural Gas Pipelines," and "Risk-Based v. Compliance-Based Utility Cybersecurity—A False Dichotomy?" by Wei Chen Lin and Dominic Saebeler. We are also pleased to publish expert reports from EBA's Environmental Regulation Committee, the FERC Practice Committee, the Natural Gas Committee, the Oil and Liquids Committee, the Power Generation and Marketing Subcommittee, the State Practice Committee, and the System Reliability, Planning, and Security Committee. These reports are detailed, expert, and an enormous help to practitioners as a research tool. We give the Committees our thanks for what we know is their dedication and painstaking work.

The EBA Board is excited about the many initiatives we have launched this year, including our rededication to working more closely with our government employee members, our revitalized effort to serve in-house counsel members, and an ongoing effort, organized through the leadership of FELJ President Nick Pascale, to launch a new magazine-style on-line publication addressing issues of the day, *EBA Brief*. In this, we are temporary stewards of EBA's trust. EBA endures and thrives through the thoughtful, long-term dedication of members such as those devoted to the *ELJ*.

Yours,

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President, Energy Bar Association

1. For a review of what law reviews can get wrong, see Adam Liptak, *The Lackluster Reviews That Lawyers Love to Hate*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 21, 2013), <https://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/22/us/law-scholarships-lackluster-reviews.html>.