

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year, we celebrated the Energy Law Journal's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This year, we are in the midst of the Energy Bar Association's 75th Anniversary. These institutions were established to advance the practice of energy law first at the federal level, then across the country, and now internationally. To mark EBA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone, the EBA Board authorized the formation of a "Tiger Team" of energy experts across the country to explore whether the Energy Bar Association's combination of legal and regulatory knowhow, energy expertise, and our member-connections between key institutions and associations is uniquely positioned to do something bold about Energy Insecurity in the United States and Canada. The Tiger Team is doing this work in the context of the energy transition and in recognition that the EBA, together with the Charitable Foundation and this Energy Law Journal, is a place where important work in energy law and policy gets shared, amplified, and improved.

Energy Insecurity is the loss or threatened loss of energy required for our modern lives; it is both a chronic and acute problem.<sup>1</sup> It is the chronic inability to afford or access adequate energy to meet household or community needs, and the acute crises arising from infrastructural, maintenance, environmental, or other external sources disrupting or impeding access to energy.

A substantial number of families, communities, businesses, and individuals across the U.S. and Canada experience Energy Insecurity chronically and acutely far too frequency, and the issue may only be exacerbated by climate and energy trends.

In this edition of the Energy Law Journal, Ann M. Eisenberg & Elizabeth Kronk Warner focus on an important aspect of energy insecurity in their article "The Precipice of Justice: Equity, Energy, and the Environment in Indian and Rural Communities." In particular, the authors explore the risk that these communities will bear disproportionate environmental and economic burdens during an energy transition while also facing barriers to equitable access to new opportunities, such as "green" jobs.

This issue also includes an example of acute energy insecurity through the transcription of a panel discussion that was part of a day-long, in-person symposium on Winter Storm Uri sponsored in partnership with the Texas Chapter of the Energy Bar Association and the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Titled "Fuel Assurance, Reliability and the Generation Resource Mix: Repairing Vulnerabilities Exposed During the Crisis," this panel of experts put forth specific action items that Texas could take to ensure that the lights stay on during the next crisis.

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1. Sonal Jessel, Samantha Sawyer & Diana Hernández Energy, *Poverty, and Health in Climate Change: A Comprehensive Review of an Emerging Literature*, FRONT. PUB. HEALTH (2019), <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2019.00357/full>

Caroline Trum, Deputy Director of the North American Energy Standards Board, discusses in her article “Energy Storage and the Future of the Electric Market,” barriers that impede energy storage resources and steps that state and federal regulators might take that may better integrate those resources. Finally, Katharine M. Mapes, Lauren L. Springett, and Anree G. Little, have penned an article arguing that regulators can do more to deter reliability risks for ratepayers.

Through this edition, the Energy Law Journal continues to be a public forum for ideas where controversial views are expressed and debated. This addition is no different, offering diverse, wide-ranging, challenging, and creative ways of understanding and shaping our conversation and debates around energy laws, regulations, and policies. I know you will find plenty to chew on and hope that you will consider joining the conversation with an article of your own to ensure that our Journal is robust and diverse.

I want to thank the Journal’s leadership and its volunteers for putting together another wonderful edition. Editor-in-Chief Harvey Reiter, Executive Editor Caileen Gamache, and Administrative Editor Nicholas Cicale continue to do yeoman’s work from initial conversations with authors to vetting, testing, and editing articles with the help of the Journal’s all-volunteer editorial board. I also want to thank the University of Tulsa College of Law, our student editors there, and faculty advisor Professor Warigia Bowman, who do such great work. Through your efforts and dedication, this publication continues to be the premier journal in energy law and a source of great pride for EBA.

Sincerely,  
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