



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a remarkable and exciting time for those of us in the energy industry. We have seen in the recent past a fundamental restructuring of the electric industry and continued evolution of the natural gas industry as global competition grows. Through it all, the Energy Bar Association (EBA) has steadfastly pursued its mission of promoting the professional excellence and ethical integrity of its members in the practice, administration, and development of energy laws, regulations and policies.

In its 28th year of publication, the Energy Law Journal, with the support and involvement of the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal, plays a key role in furthering that mission. As the preeminent scholarly journal dedicated solely to energy issues, the ELJ provides cutting-edge insight and knowledge to its readers. In this issue of the ELJ, you will find articles from distinguished colleagues explaining the evolution of regulation in the energy markets, both in the United States and in Europe, as these markets strive for just and reasonable prices established through competition. On the environmental front, an article discusses Congress's decision not to federalize renewable portfolio standards. Other articles explore evolution and developments in LNG, natural gas markets, and eminent domain authority.

For their parts, the EBA and the Charitable Foundation of the EBA (CFEBA) also work to enhance the practice of energy law for EBA members. The EBA continues its tradition of presenting the highest quality programs at national, regional, and local levels. These programs are open to all energy practitioners. Not only are these events extremely educational, but they provide ideal networking opportunities. The CFEBA has since its formation four years ago provided a means for the extremely generous EBA members to combine their talents and resources for the betterment of our broader communities.

We hope this publication and the efforts of your EBA and its Foundations makes your involvement in the energy profession more informed, rewarding and enjoyable. We welcome and encourage your feedback and have embarked on an on-line survey effort of our members. We look forward to sharing the results of that survey with you and to implementing your suggestions on how the EBA can improve and expand its services.

Respectfully,

Dave Doot