

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear EBA Members and ELJ Subscribers:

Diversity and inclusiveness! Your survey responses in 2006-2007 told us that the Energy Bar Association, and its affiliated foundations, must provide a diversity of topics and points of view to keep pace with industry changes at the global, domestic, and regional levels. We have been striving to do so throughout all our programming and activities and this edition of the *Energy Law Journal* continues that tradition. Its articles address a wide range of topics including the politics and ethics of regulation, the nuclear renaissance, international gas sales, reforms for domestic electric markets, carbon sequestration, facilitating development of hydrokinetic technologies through regulation, hydrocarbons, and a critical look at interlocking directorate regulations. Authors include the Hon. Richard D. Cudahy, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; public power advocates Susan Kelly and Elise Caplan; practitioners with domestic and international practices; and FERC Commissioner Jon Wellinghoff.

This volume also includes a reprise of part of the very popular and highly instructive Energy Trading and Derivatives Primer seminar held on April 30, 2008. The inclusion of this article is part of a concerted effort to more closely unite the *Energy Law Journal* and the other media through which the EBA carries out its educational mission. The EBA sponsors two **national meetings** each year and various **annual chapter meetings**, each of which offer at least one full day of panel discussions and keynote speeches on current, often cutting-edge, issues of general interest to our membership. Our mid-year meeting also always includes an ethics panel. The EBA also offers **primers**, which are introductory full day programs on specific areas of the law suitable to new practitioners or those entering new facets of practice, and **luncheon programs** on discrete topics that vary from exploration of evolving areas of the law to “graduate-level” seminars, each on a scale conducive to discussion and debate. These luncheon programs are generally available by telephone or webcast. Interviews with Commissioners and other industry leaders can be found in our **quarterly newsletters**. The *Energy Law Journal* completes this array of educational media by providing a scholarly forum for the presentation and debate of new ideas.

Sadly, this volume also includes an in memoriam tribute. Past president Paul E. Nordstrom's long and valiantly fought battle with cancer ended this summer. He generously gave his time and effort to EBA and its affiliates for many years and in many ways. Of particular note, during Paul's term as president, EBA adopted its first formal written diversity policy and together with the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal, founded the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association. We express our deep appreciation to Paul for his leadership and contributions.

We can not offer too many thanks to the tireless volunteers that make this journal possible. In particular, thank you to our Editor-in-Chief, Bob Fleishman, Executive Editor, Harvey Reiter, and Administrative Editor, Grace D. Soderberg, our dedicated editors who take time from their professional duties to offer peer review which is so highly unusual for a law journal; our student editors from the University of Tulsa College of Law; the National Energy-Environment Law & Policy Institute; the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal, its immediate past president, Regina Speed-Bost and its current president Elisabeth Myers, who assure we have the financial capability to publish the journal; and finally, to you, our dedicated readers.

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