

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers:

With every issue of the *Energy Law Journal*, I marvel at the number and diversity of issues addressed and the high-quality of those presentations, as well as how thick the *Journal* has become! This upcoming issue carries on the *Journal's* tradition.

In this issue, the *Journal* continues the scholastic dialogue on climate change, focusing on the particular problem of creating green growth during an economic downturn as addressed by former Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat at the Energy Bar Association's November 2008 Mid-Year Meeting. Also, for the second time in two issues, the *Journal* addresses carbon dioxide transportation, giving this often ignored issue the focus and continuity it deserves as pro-sequestration policies develop. With the global focus on climate change, these articles are timely and essential.

ELJ also moves off the beaten path to address critical issues that are not getting significant levels of attention in other fora. This issue of the *Journal* addresses emerging rate of return issues, the water-energy crisis, an issue that will likely significantly affect future energy choices, and the newly emerging process for electric reliability hearings and appeals. The *Journal* also addresses the continuing development of the *Mobile-Sierra* doctrine, which has profound implications for market transactions, contractual certainty and consumer rights. These are the types of issues that readers do, and should, expect from a journal that is edited by industry professionals.

The ability of the *Journal* to reflect topics of real concern to the industry is no accident. Authors are typically practitioners, regulators and policy makers that are integrally involved in the issues they address. It is edited through the combined efforts of a dedicated team of energy professionals, which is highly unusual for a law journal, and law students from the University of Tulsa, with support from the National Energy-Environment Law Policy Institute. Its management is deeply concerned with the same issues that affect its readers. For example, with this issue, the *Journal* continues its "greening" effort by offering its readers the option to receive electronic notices of publication, for those that prefer to read it on-line, and its printed copies will continue to be printed on recycled paper.

The *Journal* is published by the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal, which was founded by the Energy Bar Association specifically for the purpose of raising and managing the funds necessary for its publication. The Foundation raises money through direct donations and its sponsorship of an annual reception in honor of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's corps of Administrative Law Judges and it also depends on the interest and dividends earned on its assets to carry out its publishing obligations. This year, as you can imagine, the Foundation's investments have been hit as hard as your 401(k) and thus more than ever it needs the support of the Energy Bar Association's membership. The fact you are reading this letter (all the way to the end!) identifies you as someone that cares about the *Journal* and depends on its excellent content. I urge all Association members to consider making a donation to the Foundation to help it carry on its tradition of excellence. Donations designated for the Foundation can be directed to the Energy Bar Association's new office, 1990 M Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20036 or made through the EBA website www.eba-net.org.

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