

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Earlier this year, the Energy Bar Association began implementation of its Strategic Plan for 2013-2015. The Strategic Plan continues the Association's mission to promote the professional excellence and ethical integrity of its members in the practice, administration, and development of energy laws, regulations, and policies. Our key goals to enhance the Association are educational programming, networking opportunities, information resources, and membership growth. We have already undertaken a number of initiatives toward our Strategic Plan goals and look forward to continuing to provide value to our members. I invite you to visit the EBA's recently-redesigned website for an update on programs, networking opportunities, and of course, access to the *Energy Law Journal*.

The *Energy Law Journal* is a key benefit of EBA membership and furthers the goals of the Strategic Plan. For more than thirty years, the *Journal* has provided timely articles on emerging issues in the energy industry. Each edition of the *Journal* includes informative articles and notes which are deeply researched and offer unique and divergent perspectives on a diversity of topics as selected by the Editorial Boards. The *Energy Law Journal* also includes reports from the EBA's twenty-one subject matter committees which provide updates on relevant issues. The 3,000 *Journal* subscribers across the United States and in fifteen other countries is a testament to the *Journal's* role as a preeminent energy publication.

This edition of the *Journal* is no exception. There are articles on a diversity of topics by authors with different perspectives. With the issue of compliance with environmental regulations at the forefront of energy issues, the *Energy Law Journal* includes an article on maintaining reliability in the wake of expected retirements of coal-fired generating facilities. This edition of the *Journal* also includes articles on overcoming obstacles to switching to natural gas in light of the shale gas revolution, shared agency responsibility for antitrust enforcement, and jurisdiction over distributed generation.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at a future EBA program. On behalf of the EBA Board of Directors and staff, we appreciate the dedication of the authors, editorial boards, and members in continuing the success of the *Energy Law Journal*. Please enjoy this edition of the *Energy Law Journal*; and look forward to the Spring 2014 edition.

Sincerely,

Adrienne E. Clair