

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every edition of the *Energy Law Journal* brings with it an amazing overview of the issues at the forefront of the minds of energy law practitioners. In this edition, we find timely and compelling articles on climate change and FERC regulation, the international implications of North American LNG exports, Russian LNG exports, information policy and transparency in U.S. electric power markets, and NLRA preemption. There are also two pieces which respond to articles in the current edition regarding FERC enforcement and distributed generation. In addition to these and the well-written notes and comments prepared by the students at the University of Tulsa College of Law, we have current reports from the Energy Bar Association's substantive committees on Environmental Regulation, System Reliability & Planning, Oil & Liquids Pipeline Regulation, FERC Practice & Administrative Law Judges, Legislation, State Commission Practice & Regulation, and Natural Gas Regulation. These reports look back on the major activities that have taken place in each Committee's subject area over the last year and are an incredible resource for attorneys and other energy professionals who practice in that area on a day-to-day basis or who are new to the area and are looking for an introduction to the most important happenings in a particular subject area. This resource, like other EBA resources, is only available because of the hard work of EBA volunteers dedicated to furthering excellence in the practice of energy law.

The content in the *Energy Law Journal* also relies on the dual threat of strong editorial work from EBA's members and the students of the University of Tulsa College of Law. For that, we thank Bob Fleishman, the Editor-in-Chief, Nathalie Schaefer, the student Editor-in-Chief, and the rest of the *Energy Law Journal* Editorial Board and Student Editors who work so hard to review articles and ensure that the *Journal* meets the highest of standards. Often forgotten, however, is the leadership of the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal. The FELJ was created in 1986 to manage the funds and business of the *Energy Law Journal*. The Board of Directors and Officers of the FELJ focus on ensuring that the investment account of the FELJ is managed to allow the publication and distribution of the *Journal* to EBA members as part of an EBA membership and at an incredibly low cost to the *Journal's* subscribers. Because of the FELJ's stewardship, the *Energy Law Journal* can continue to provide the best in energy law scholarship and can offer the next generation of energy lawyers studying at the University of Tulsa with an opportunity to learn from the best and the brightest of the energy bar. We owe a debt of gratitude to the hard work of Andrea Wolfman, the current President of the FELJ, and the other FELJ Officers and Directors for this often unnoticed effort.

The *Energy Law Journal* is one of the many ways that the EBA and its sister organizations provide significant benefits to energy law practitioners. Twice a year, the EBA holds its signature events in Washington, D.C. These must-attend meetings provide EBA members with a chance to delve deeply into the issues of the day and to meet with colleagues from around the United States and the world. There are, moreover, dozens of other EBA events held throughout the year through our seven regional chapters and many subject area committees. These events cover topics in every area of energy law and are designed to meet the schedules of

busy energy practitioners. Please take the time to see what is happening in your area, through the EBA's remote conference calls and webcasts, and in the EBA's ever-growing on-demand library. I am sure that you will agree that the EBA has something to offer each of its members.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with the EBA, its members, and its dedicated professional staff. I look forward to reading this issue of the *Energy Law Journal* and to seeing all of you at meetings over the course of the next year.

Sincerely,

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