

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You hold in your hand (or, better yet, are looking on your screen at) the latest edition of the *Energy Law Journal*. This issue covers the energy waterfront, with articles with subjects as esoteric as the impact of the 2007 anti-monopoly law on China's energy policy, and as nuts-and-bolts as the transcript of the General Counsel Roundtable from the 2010 EBA Annual Meeting. This volume of the Journal also includes current reports from the EBA's substantive committees on Climate Change & Emissions, FERC Practice & ALJs, Legislation, Natural Gas Regulation, Oil & Liquids Pipeline Regulation, and Nuclear Regulation.

The Journal is one of the many benefits of membership in the Energy Bar Association. If you are like me, you may put it aside when it arrives, with the intent to read it "later," when "time permits." But I urge you (and me!) not to do that, as "later" often never comes, and time usually does not permit. The articles are of real use to energy law practitioners - what electric or natural gas attorney is not concerned right now about how the FERC enforces the NERC reliability standards, or how the FERC interprets its market manipulation authorities under the Natural Gas Act? And having co-written an article myself a few years ago, I know from personal experience the blood, sweat, and tears that go into drafting an article, and all of the fine volunteers, both at the Journal and the University of Tulsa Law School, who labor to make the product the best that it can be. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Journal's Editor-in-Chief, Bob Fleishman, as well as our other members who devote many hours to working with the student editors and staff to produce it.

The Committees and Chapters are also already hard at work putting on chapter meetings, brown bags, and educational opportunities for the 2010-2011 programming year. If you have not attended or listened in on any of these events, you should - they are valuable networking and professional development opportunities, and an excellent value for the money. And be sure to mark your calendars for the EBA's Mid-Year Meeting on December 9, 2010, and the Primer on December 10, 2010. The Mid-Year program, entitled "Staying Ahead of the Curve: Managing Energy Risk, Financing, and Technology in the 21st Century," will address an array of issues currently facing the energy industry and will feature leading policy makers, regulators, attorneys, and other experts. Following the meeting, come on over to the CFEBA's Annual Gala Event, which will feature a silent auction, live music, refreshments, and the opportunity to celebrate with your colleagues and contribute to a worthy cause. On Friday, December 10th, the EBA will hold a very timely Primer on "Enforcement and Compliance in Energy Markets," sure to be of interest to both novices and old hands.

Ending on a more somber note, this issue also includes In Memoriam features for two well-known energy law practitioners, Carl D. Hobelman and Bruce W. Neely, both practitioners with Dewey & LeBoeuf, and George P. Lewnes, a long time Administrative Law Judge at the FERC. All of them were fine lawyers and made notable contributions to our Bar and to energy law. Carl was the President of the Federal Energy Bar Association in 1980-81. Our condolences go out to both their personal and professional families.

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