

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue of the Energy Law Journal (ELJ) truly touches on issues of current import to the energy industry. It covers topics as diverse as the use of social media by the utility industry, the legal issues associated with the use of plug-in electric vehicles, and the groundwater claims arising from the production of natural gas in the Marcellus Shale. All of these subjects are currently making headlines in the general media, showing just how closely the ELJ tracks emerging issues in our industry. Moreover, we have a large number of committees of the Energy Bar Association that have contributed reports to update you on events in their respective subject matter areas. Our authors, editors, committees, and the students at the University of Tulsa who labored to produce this issue should all be praised for their hard work. It takes many hours and many hands to put an ELJ issue together.

If you value the timely information and scholarship that the ELJ provides, consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal (FELJ). The FELJ's mission is to provide the financial support that the ELJ needs to continue publication for many years to come. While the assets of the FELJ (like those of virtually all other non-profit organizations) took a pounding during the recent "Great Recession," they are now thankfully on the rebound. Moreover, the Board of the FELJ has taken a number of steps to reduce expenses, including strongly encouraging electronic dissemination of the ELJ (printing costs being one of the highest expenses the FELJ incurs), and seeking volunteer law firms to host the annual reception to honor the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). (Our deep thanks go to K&L Gates, host of the 2010 ALJ Reception, and to Baker Botts L.L.P., which has agreed to host the 2011 Reception.)

But these actions only go so far. We need the ongoing support of you, our readers, to keep the ELJ coming to your inboxes, be they electronic or paper, in future years. So add your name to the list of contributors shown at the front of this issue (contact the EBA office if you have any questions about how to contribute). Then come mix with your colleagues and meet the FERC ALJs at the 2011 ALJ Reception (to be held on May 4 in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the EBA's Annual Meeting). Finally, give yourself a mental pat on the back and accept our thanks for helping to keep the ELJ strong!

Sue Kelly