

## EDITOR'S PAGE

"Sweet Sixteen," an antediluvian term that celebrates a milestone in the life of a young woman, now applies to the *Energy Law Journal*.

More than halfway through its second decade, the *Energy Law Journal* has become the premier publication in the field. Its pages have chronicled major energy law issues, analyzed scores of important cases, and provided a lively forum for academics, practitioners, and members of the bench. Because of this, the *Journal* has become authoritative and often cited. Equally important, the *Journal* is avidly read both in the United States and in a dozen other countries.

It should be obvious, but there is little harm in stating that since its beginning, the *Energy Law Journal* has been the product of many gifted and dedicated people. Also, generous gifts from scores of individuals, law firms, and companies have provided tangible support.

In addition to being a journal of record, the *Energy Law Journal* has taken significant steps in becoming "institutionalized." This has been accomplished in three ways. First, it has recruited a professional staff from members of our Association that serve as a permanent Board of Editors. Two recent additions are Roger Cooper and Kristine Delkus. Second, the students and faculty at the University of Tulsa College of Law have demonstrated dedicated and professional service for nearly a decade in the publication effort. For example, their persistence was instrumental in the *Journal's* inclusion in both LEXIS and WESTLAW. Third, the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal has accumulated and managed a corpus that soon may enable the *Journal* to be self-sustaining.

This issue also reflects a commitment to improve the Cumulative Index. Kudos to Joshua Rokach and student editor Brent Thompson for their efforts in revising the Index.

Now that the *Energy Law Journal* is sixteen, it will continue to strive for excellence by publishing timely and thoughtful articles in a manner that evidences pride in energy law.

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