



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The *Energy Law Journal* plays a vital role in the mission of the Energy Bar Association, which is to promote the professional excellence and ethical integrity of its members in the practice, administration, and development of energy laws, regulations and policies. Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year of publication, the ELJ is recognized as the preeminent scholarly journal that is dedicated solely to energy issues. Over nearly three decades, the Journal has published articles that informed our members of new developments in the nation's energy laws and regulations and, more recently, how the effects of competition and open-access policies have fundamentally restructured the electric industry, as well as the oil and natural gas pipeline industries.

In this issue of the Journal, you will find an article on demand resources authored by FERC Commissioner Jon Wellinghoff and David Morenoff. There are articles from our colleagues covering development of governance and ADR policies for RTOs, ISOs, and power pools and how long term transmission rights under EAct 2005 are being addressed. There also are articles on renewable energy resources, such as wind power, and potential laws dealing with carbon sequestration from coal-fired plants. And in the international area, there is an article on the global economic and environmental implications of China's power sector.

In many ways, the Journal mirrors the educational programs that EBA offers its members at national, regional, and local levels throughout the year. Over 1400 members attended national and regional chapter meetings this past year, and another 850 members attended brown bag luncheons focused on current topics affecting energy practitioners. In conjunction with these and other events, the Charitable Foundation of EBA also provides members with an opportunity to contribute and utilize their resources for the benefits of their local communities.

We hope that you enjoy this latest publication of the *Energy Law Journal*, and we encourage you to take advantage of the other educational programs EBA offers at the national and regional chapter levels.

Respectfully,

Mike Manning