

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

“We don’t solve the [climate change] problem by wishing it away.” - Fred Krupp, President of the Environmental Defense Fund at the Wall Street Journal’s Economics Conference, March 13, 2008

Change is the watchword of the day. But what does this illusive term really mean or embody?

Emblematic of the rapid changes driven by global warming and climate change are stories that appeared in a special section of the New York Times, titled “The Business of Green,” in November 2007: “Constructing a Carbon Calculus,” “Foreign Firms Envision Wind Farms Dotting the U.S.,” “Conservation at the Touch of a Button,” and “Taming the Guzzlers that Power the World Wide Web.”

In the U.S. Presidential election campaigns, we hear much of change, although the candidates surely define it differently. They speak of: changes in foreign, economic, energy, and environmental policies; changes involved in creating a “green” economy; and the necessary changes to form “a more perfect Union.” However defined, change is in the offing.

Good lawyers are, in the end, professional problem solvers and change agents. The Energy Law Journal is keenly focused on assisting energy attorneys and other energy professionals in understanding and most effectively addressing these changes.

One need only compare the types of articles that appeared in the Energy Law Journal a scant five years ago to see how our focus has changed. Among the key issues we must address now involve climate change, renewable sources of energy, and clean technology.

As a result, the lead article in this book addresses an entirely new area of law - climate change - forming at the crossroads of energy, environmental, business and international law. In addition, we proudly present articles on renewable energy portfolios and cutting-edge transcripts from a recent Energy Bar Association Primer on Climate Change. And, of course, this book contains other timely and important articles on subjects of interest to our readers.

Gandhi may have said it best, “You must be the change you want to see in the world.”

Respectfully,

Bob Fleishman