

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, we continue to grapple with today's energy industry challenges – from a strained supply chain to ongoing extreme weather patterns to ever-changing regulations – as we look into the future (and past) to attempt to plot the best path forward. Whatever part Energy Bar Association members and the broader Energy Law Journal readership play in this industry, it is safe to state that our objective is securing a reliable and sustainable power supply, to build resilient systems, and to ensure sound financing and to enable just and reasonable rates. However, the uncertainty created by today's challenges means predicting the path toward these objectives – and requirements – for tomorrow is all the more difficult.

Through this Spring edition of the Energy Law Journal, we see that our industry is facing this uncertainty by continuing to examine tough questions to navigate through new and increasingly complex legal landscapes. This issue contains Commissioner Mark Christie's article entitled "It's Time to Reconsider Single-Clearing Price Mechanisms in U.S. Energy Markets," Marcia Hook, et al.'s "Hydrogen's Potential Role in LDCS' Transition to a Low-Carbon Future," David Smith's "Carbon Capture and Sequestration – 'Essential,' But Too Little, Too Late?," and Scott Gaille's and Tanner Harris's, "Control, Fault, and Knock-for-Knock: A Guide to Selecting Indemnities in Energy Construction and Services Agreements."

As my year as President ends, I'm proud of EBA's successes over the last year, particularly in the many meaningful engagement opportunities we have provided to our members and sponsors, innovative programming formats and topics, professional development and outreach opportunities, and refreshed website. The EBA continues to be a convening place where energy professionals and attorneys can share ideas, and this Journal continues to be a resource where authors can share broadly well-thought-out paths to that better energy future. Moreover, as I look to the year ahead under new leadership, I am pleased to say that I have faith that we are poised to continue raising the bar for members with respect to the value that EBA provides to each of us.

It is a great privilege to be affiliated with the Energy Law Journal and with the team of professionals that work so hard to uphold the national standard of excellence it exemplifies. I am grateful for the contributions made by the many volunteers who work behind the scenes to make this Journal possible. I especially want to thank the Journal's Editor-in-Chief, Harvey Reiter, Executive Editor Caileen Gamache, and Administrative Editor Nicholas Cicale. Furthermore, the Journal is sustained by the financial stewardship of the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal, this year led by President Holly Rachel Smith. Thank you all for your tireless efforts.

Finally, thank you, dear reader, for allowing the Energy Bar Association to be of service to you and for your generous participation and support.

Sincerely,
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