

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my privilege to welcome you to this edition of the Journal and to update you on the many activities of your Energy Bar Association.

This edition comes to you after concluding another great EBA annual meeting. Once again, the Professional Education Committee, led this past year by Diana Jeschke and Lamiya Rahmann, assembled a distinguished group of speakers that included the FERC Chair, a panel of State Commissioners, the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Energy, and a variety of top energy professionals. Much like this edition of the Journal includes a variety of leading-edge articles, our speakers and topics covered key issues and emerging topics from a variety of different perspectives. Check out our panels and speakers on the EBA On-Demand link to hear what you missed or wish to hear again.

At our annual lunch, after taking care of elections and recognizing outgoing leaders, Journal Editor-in-Chief Caileen “Kat” Gamache offered a lighthearted but glowing sendoff to our former EIC, Harvey Reiter. The room shared the joy of Harvey’s long tenured service to the Journal with a couple of memorable slides and funny stories. After Kat’s gentle roast, Harvey reciprocated with a few of his own stories that reinforced the fun the team enjoys but also the serious commitment of our Journal Board and editors to producing the best energy law journal in the country. To celebrate this milestone, many of the Journal editors and board members were present and recognized by Kat, followed by a memorable group photograph – check it out on the EBA website. It was wonderful to share these experiences and friends, and I hope you can attend our fall Energy Forum October 7-8, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

I would also like to share a brief update on the new strategic plan we adopted in early 2025. My year as EBA President has been very focused on the objectives to provide more opportunities for engagement, and to better support those with a state commission practice. I am happy to report that this past year, we conducted thirty-nine events across the U.S. and Canada, facilitated by hundreds of volunteers, that welcomed nearly 3,000 attendees. In addition, the Board approved a new State Practice Steering Committee that will further support and advance the work of our state practice members. Finally, our first time Powering Connections events were an especially great way to help bring together members and nonmembers across the country to gather outside the hearing room to share in some fellowship. For me, building relationships with old and new friends is what makes EBA great. In this next year, look at how you can better connect professionally and personally through EBA’s educational and social events.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who served on one of our boards, committees, councils, or academies, and who continue to serve. An organization is only as great as its volunteers, and we have a great organization because of the commitment our members make to helping EBA be the preeminent energy law association in North America. In the meantime, you have another excellent Journal with articles on FERC return on equity, electricity reform in Mexico, battery storage, insufficient environmental impact assessments in Europe, wire and pipe-

line competition, FERC jurisdiction over transmission and the “bundled transmission” exemption, and streamlining siting. We also have a Canadian Chapter report, two book reviews by our student members, and a wonderful remembrance piece on long time Southern Chapter member, and twice Chapter president, James Guy who recently passed. Thank you to our outstanding editorial team for producing another great Journal.

And finally, as you know, we can’t produce this Journal without the very hard work of the Journal’s editorial board students at the University of Tulsa College of Law. One of those former Tulsa law student editors for this Journal, Stacy Leeds, who was an Executive Articles Editor, has been named the President of Tulsa University effective July 1, 2026. This is a wonderful achievement for one of our past student editors, and a reflection of the high quality of our student editors. While I doubt President Leeds will have any time to help us edit a future Journal, I do hope we can include her as a future writer or speaker. Congratulations President Leeds, and welcome back to your Tulsa University home and for supporting the Energy Law Journal!

Enjoy your read, and I look forward to seeing you at an EBA event this year!

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