

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first issue of Volume 54 of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*. The new staff is very excited to be at the helm, and is pleased with the lineup for our first issue.

The tragic events of September 11th forced a re-examination of the communications issues at the forefront of our national consciousness. Some dormant issues and topics re-emerged, receiving much new attention, while others, once having occupied primary status, faded into the background, waiting for a time when America once again experiences peace and has the luxury of examining such matters. Several of the pieces in this issue address these timely topics and we hope will stimulate discussion and debate.

In our first Article, J. Gregory Sidak discusses the phenomenon of the acquisition of a private firm by an enterprise that is either wholly owned by government or in the midst of privatization by examining Deutsche Telekom's acquisition of VoiceStream Wireless. In Article Two, David Pritchard examines the results of a study of diversity of information and viewpoints about the 2000 presidential campaign within cross-owned newspaper-broadcast combinations, and how those results impact the "diverse and antagonistic sources" doctrine of the FCC.

In the first of our student-written Notes, Peter Ten Eyck discusses the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, and evaluates the Act's potential ability to meet the nation's safety needs in light of its weaknesses. Our second Note, by Nathan Watson, examines the controversial issue of workplace monitoring, arguing that the Notice of Electronic Monitoring Act should be reintroduced and adopted. In Note Three, Ryan Hammer asserts that Internet gambling must be curbed to lessen its negative impact on the American economy. In our fourth student-written Note, Russell Carlberg discusses the issue of spectrum allocation for 3G mobile wireless networks in Europe in light of larger EC telecommunications and competition policy. In Note five, Byron Hittle examines the case of fifteen-year-old Jonathon Lebed, and argues that a combination of efforts must be adopted or illegal stock price manipulators

will continue to profit from unsuspecting investors.

This issue concludes with a review of Daya Kishan Thussu's *International Communications: Continuity and Change*. The book provides a thoroughly interesting overview of the impact of communication advances on civilization.

As always, we continue to update and improve the *Journal's* Web site, and our "Virtual Journal" continues to provide content to the more than 150,000 annually users who access us via the Internet.

The Editorial Board would like to thank all of the Authors for their contributions. We are committed to providing our readers with broad coverage of timely and important communications issues, and we sincerely appreciate the continued support of contributors and readers alike. As always, we actively welcome your comments and submissions concerning any issues of interest to the Communications Bar. The *Journal* can be contacted at Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington, 211 South Indiana Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47405; telephone (812) 855-5952; facsimile (812) 855-0555; and e-mail fcj@indiana.edu.

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