

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings! Welcome to Volume 59 of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*, the nation's premier journal in communications law and the official law journal of the Federal Communications Bar Association. This Issue provides timely and insightful analysis of communications law issues that are making headlines across the country. The Authors bring a variety of experiences, and we hope their Articles will make a lasting contribution to the discussion of these issues.

In the first Article, Michael Epstein proposes a public access system that will provide more local and diverse content. Mr. Epstein provides a useful backdrop to the discussion, and considers digital television and media ownership in determining how broadcasters can increase the amount of local content they air. Mr. Epstein is a professor at Southwestern Law School.

In the second Article, Andrew Cotlar analyzes the FCC's enforcement against promotional announcements on public television. Deeming the process "inconsistent and opaque," Mr. Cotlar concludes that restrictions based on content should be eliminated. Mr. Cotlar is a former Associate General Counsel with the Association of Public Television Stations.

In an interesting follow up to a Note in our last Issue, the third Article will give our readers an informed and exhaustive overview of municipal broadband. Craig Dingwall concludes that the future of municipal broadband development lies with government and industry partnerships. Mr. Dingwall is Of Counsel with Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo and practices with their Communications and Information Technology group at the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

In the fourth Article, Bill Herman addresses the highly contentious network neutrality debate. Mr. Herman calls for legislated network neutrality and addresses many of the arguments against it. His Article will be a valuable addition to this healthy and robust debate. Mr. Herman is a Ph.D Candidate at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.

In the final Article, the Authors address possible civil remedies for spyware. They conclude that the current remedies are too weak to give consumers a meaningful cause of action, and that a legislative remedy is necessary for the protection of consumers and the benefit of spyware distributors.

Kellen Ressimyer, J.D. Candidate 2007, provides our student Note for this Issue. Kellen addresses the intersection of the Information Quality Act, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Federal Communications Commission. Her Note is both insightful and original. Finally, Sherille Ismail reviews World Bank's recent publication "Information and Communications for Development 2006: Global Trends and Policies."

On December 8, 2006, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University sponsored a symposium entitled "The Crisis in Public Safety

Communications.” The *Journal* has agreed to publish the Articles produced by the four keynote speakers as they relate to the symposium. Please keep a look out for those Articles as they will be appearing in our Third Issue.

I would like to reserve this space to thank the incredible staff of the *Federal Communications Law Journal* and our advisor Professor Joshua Fairfield. I would also like to thank the Journal Committee of the Federal Communications Bar Association. It has been a pleasure working with them. Thank you to our readers and subscribers as well. Finally, warmest appreciation and regards to the Authors for their contributions and cooperation throughout the editorial process. The Journal can be contacted at Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law, 211 South Indiana Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47405; telephone (812) 855-5952; and facsimile (812) 855-5871. Inquiries can be e-mailed to [fclj@indiana.edu](mailto:fclj@indiana.edu). Further information and easier access to Web links in Articles can be obtained from our Web site, [www.law.indiana.edu/fclj](http://www.law.indiana.edu/fclj).

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