

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the second issue of Volume 53 of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*. This issue continues our exploration of issues resting at the forefront of telecommunications law and policy. As we pass the fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, this issue of the *Journal* features pieces that—like the 1996 Act—confront an assortment of timely issues at the intersection of law, public policy, and emerging technologies.

In the first of this issue's Articles, Bernard Bell discusses the use of filtering software by public libraries to restrict patrons' Internet access. In the second Article, Thomas Bonnett analyzes the jurisdictional implications of phone calls to Internet service providers.

In the first of our two student-written Notes, Tricia Black advocates strong, unregulated encryption technology to allow continued growth of the Internet as a medium for both communication and commerce. In the second Note, Tanya Yarbrough addresses the elements and international efforts necessary to achieve the Global Information Infrastructure.

In a particularly timely Comment, Nicole Rothstein compares the privacy provisions of the newly enacted U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and the recently enacted Canadian privacy protection scheme. Finally, in a review of *The Communications Act: A Legislative History of the Major Amendments, 1934-1996*, William Malone follows his commentary on the first volume of the set with this critique of its companion, evaluating both the content and format of the series.

Many thanks to those readers who have visited and provided feedback on our Web site redesign. Your input has proven extremely valuable in improving the functionality of the site, and we look forward to your future visits.

The Editorial Board would also 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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