

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the third and final issue of Volume 54 of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*. This issue reflects the variety of topics we have covered this year.

In this period of industry and regulatory focus on competition, access, and customer fairness, certain segments of the population can still get left behind. In our first Article, Justin Carver tackles the impact of telephone providers' contracts with prisons, arguing that they are inefficient and suggesting alternatives that better serve the interests of prisoners and society in general. In Article Two, T. Randolph Beard, George S. Ford, and Lawrence J. Spiwak discuss Alternative Distribution Companies, or "ADCos" and their ability to foster a large number of advanced telecommunications products and services providers while avoiding the scale economy forces and disincentives that traditionally plague local access networks desiring market entry. In our third Article, Christopher R. Day criticizes the restrictions on rights-of-way access imposed on telecommunications carriers by municipalities and presents legislative and regulatory suggestions that could lead to a coherent, pro-competitive national scheme. In Article Four, Eric M.D. Zion describes the immunity provisions in section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, and refutes those that would not allow such immunity to extend to employers.

In the first of our student-written Notes, Adam Johnson examines the tensions between free speech and trade secret, specifically how those tensions are impacted by the incredible information dissemination abilities of the Internet, and discusses what legal remedies should be available for infringement. Our second Note, by Griffin Dunham, discusses the FBI's surveillance system Carnivore, and argues that, in light of the Bureau's internal procedures and federal law, the fears expressed by privacy advocates about its use are misplaced. In Note Three, Michael E. Heintz takes us off the beaten path and discusses new courtroom technology, arguing that the "digital divide" feared by some has actually been narrowed.

We conclude with Michael Grossberg's review of *Not In Front of the Children*, by Marjorie Helms. Mr. Grossberg discusses the book's examination of the validity of the "harmful to minors" standard, and its use to censor material

At a time of such rapid change in the telecommunications world, it is has been exciting to be at the forefront of communications law scholarship. We would like to thank all of the Authors for their contributions, as well as express deep gratitude for the support of friends and family who made this endeavor possible. The Editorial Board of Volume 54 has enjoyed its work this year, and we wish Volume 55 continued success. We are confident that they will find their experience as exciting, at times frustrating—but ultimately as rewarding as we have. The Journal is 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 fclj@indiana.edu.

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