

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the second issue of the fifty-sixth volume of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*. This issue presents a diverse selection of communications law topics, including telegraph and wire service regulation, radio and television programming, global spectrum management, property and copyright law, spectrum license renewal mechanisms, and international standards for the Internet.

The staff is especially excited about the diversity of this issue's Article selection. The Articles track various elements of communications law across three centuries. In the first Article, FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy critiques the continued importance of the World Radiocommunication Conference and its role in future international communications affairs. In the second Article, Menahem Blondheim presents a critical historical analysis of the dawn of communications regulation, which begins with the development of domestic telegraphy and then develops into a coherent link between nineteenth century technological, business, and social developments and twentieth century First Amendment theory. Finally, in the third Article, Richard Kielbowicz and Linda Lawson explore the origins of sponsorship identification regulations as they pertained to early radio and television programming.

This issue also presents three student Notes, each written by members of the Federal Communications Law Journal at Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law. In the first Note, Ronnie Bitman discusses the intersection of sports, property rights, and copyright law in the context of recent dilemmas and litigation by professional sports organizations and teams, including the Chicago Cubs. In the second Note, Jennifer Prime describes the mechanisms by which licensees obtain greater certainty that their licenses will be renewed, focusing on the concept of renewal expectancy and the problems with the "substantial service" requirement. In the third Note, Michael F. Sutton reveals the conflict between the First Amendment's national protections and the Internet's lack of national boundaries, while he argues for international intervention for the protection of free speech.

This issue concludes with Gregory L. Rosston's Review of the new book, *Spectrum Wars: The Policy and Technology Debate*, by Jennifer A. Manner.

On behalf of the Volume 56 Editorial Board, I would like to thank all of the authors for their contributions and cooperation with us during the editorial process. We are committed to providing our readers with broad coverage of interesting and important communications issues, and we appreciate the continued support of contributors and readers. The Federal Communications Law Journal welcomes any questions and comments concerning our publication and submissions concerning issues that are of interest to the communications bar. The Journal can be contacted at Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law, 211 South Indiana Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47405; telephone (812) 855-5952; facsimile (812) 855-5871; and e-mail <FCLJ@indiana.edu>.

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