

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the third issue of the fifty-sixth volume of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*. This issue, comprising of four Articles and one student Note, deals with topics, such as regulatory parity, international and comparative wireless regulation, the democratic governance of telecommunications regulation, regulation of IP networks, and the effect of broadcast rates on web-based radio stations.

In the first Article, Sherille Ismail suggests that a more workable approach to achieving equal treatment of similarly-situated communications service operators would be to resolve the issues according to identifiable policies, rather than general notions of equality. In the second Article, Leonard J. Kennedy and Heather A. Purcell compare United States and European Union wireless regulation and argue that obstacles, such as conflicting court and FCC decisions and government regulation, must be overcome in order to promote a healthy wireless communications industry in the US. In the third Article, Michael J. Legg concludes that Congress should become more involved in access pricing in order to prevent further undermining of the democratic governance of telecommunications regulation, especially with respect to the relationship between TELRIC and the Takings Clause. Finally, in the fourth Article, Richard S. Whitt argues that the development of a "layers approach" to communications regulation of IP networks would lead to greater efficiencies while addressing public policy issues.

This issue concludes with a Note by Emily D. Harwood, a senior editor of the *Federal Communications Law Journal* at Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law. Ms. Harwood argues that that Congress, the recording industry, webcasters, and the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel should work together to find a reasonable fee structure that will allow web-based radio stations to continue to serve the public.

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

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