

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the third and final Issue of the *Federal Communications Law Journal* Volume 58.

While all Issues of the *FCLJ* provide important insight into communications law, this Issue is exceptional. We have asked some of the most respected individuals in our field to reflect on the Telecommunications Act of 1996, now that ten years have passed. Many of these individuals were able to present their views at a symposium held jointly by the FCBA, the Columbia Institute of Tele-Information ("CITI"), and The George Washington University on February 7, 2006 in Washington, D.C. However, some of our Authors, such as Gene Kimmelman and Donna Lampert, could not speak at the event. Nonetheless, they were able to share their perspectives with the *FCLJ*. Other presenters at the symposium may not be in this Issue, but their presentations may be found on the CITI Web site at <http://www.citi.columbia.edu/events/telecom10agenda.shtml>. The line-up we present in this Issue has been referred to as a very long and strong list, consisting of industry CEOs, former commissioners, leading academics, consumer advocates, and even a principal author of the 1996 Act, Senator Larry Pressler.

In addition to the array of insights into the 1996 Act, this Issue also features an Article by Warren Lavey, Notes by Adam Christensen and Geoff Smith, and a Book Review by Shannon Heim. The *FCLJ* only had room for one Article in this Issue, and Mr. Lavey's Article is a thorough and important insight into the investigation into WorldCom by the FCC. The Notes in this Issue seem especially timely. Adam Christensen authored our first Note and analyzes the Philadelphia Wi-Fi experiment, assessing its impact. Geoff Smith, the Author of our second Note, addressed the potential invasion of privacy that is occurring in the name of national security. Finally, Ms. Heim takes an introspective look at Paul Starr's book, *Creation of the Media*.

The increased use of "on file with the Author" in this Issue is worth addressing. This only occurs with our invited pieces, the Essays. Because the Authors of these pieces are well respected and have graciously taken the time to honor our requests for a submission, the staff of the *FCLJ* wanted to minimize the invited Authors' inconvenience. Consequently, where we would normally require a footnote to support an otherwise empirical assertion, the *FCLJ* staff either found support ourselves or asked the Authors to verify an assertion for us. While it is also *FCLJ* policy to require a footnote for every empirical assertion, we loosened this standard for the invited Essays because of the invited Authors' exceptional reputations and because inundating them with source requests often would have been inappropriate, given the kindness they bestowed by contributing to this Special Issue.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure serving our readers. I hope that all of you have been pleased with our product this year. I would like to thank the *FCLJ* staff for the many hours devoted towards this important publication and thank Professor Joshua Fairfield for his excellent guidance. Please do not forget to check out our newly revised Web site, www.law.indiana.edu/fclj, for an online version of the *Journal* and easy access to Web links in the Essays, Notes, and Article.

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