

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first Issue of Volume 69 of the Federal Communications Law Journal, the nation's premier communications law journal and the official journal of the Federal Communications Bar Association. As we commence with Volume 69, we are excited to publish several timely and thought-provoking pieces about vital topics in the communications field. This Issue has a particular focus on matters relating to domestic and international broadband deployment, the digital divide, and emerging technologies.

To start, T. Randolph Beard, George S. Ford, and Michael Stern use economic theory to describe current barriers to broadband deployment. They offer an economic model to show that access to lower quality broadband services improves social welfare and how current "free-but-limited" deployment programs may encourage adoption and access to potential lower income users.

This Issue contains three student Notes. First, Chasel Lee explores the history of driverless cars and recent developments in their production and regulation. In response to questions involving cybersecurity and privacy, Lee's Note proposes a nuanced federal regulatory scheme that connects public and private entities and offers states and industry breathing room to experiment and innovate.

In our next student Note, Stephen Klein discusses the new First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), which creates a nationwide broadband network for the exclusive use of first responders. Klein implores regulators and policymakers to not forget about rural first responders and recommends several ways that this new scheme can help first responders better protect citizens in both urban and rural areas.

Finally, Qiusi Yang's Note introduces readers to recent international agreements and disputes. Yang discusses regulatory hurdles that United States-based companies face in foreign host countries and the FCC's role in regulating the entry of foreign carriers into the US market. Finally, Yang proposes several methods by which the US can fulfill its commitments to the World Trade Organization and work with foreign nations to create procompetitive regulatory schemes.

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