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Welcome to the second issue of Volume 54 of the Federal Communications Law Journal. This issue covers a variety of topics; ones we hope will interest, educate, and provoke discussion among our readership.

In our first Article, we are honored to have FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy discuss the five key principles that inform her regulatory philosophy. In Article Two, James B. Speta argues that the evolution of common carrier rules can be applied to help resolve modern day Internet interconnection disputes. In our third Article, Charles H. Helein, Jonathan S. Marashlian, and Loubna W. Haddad criticize the FCC’s detariffing efforts and the negative impact on carriers and consumers alike.

In the first of our student-written Notes, Bradley A. Skafish discusses United States v. Playboy Entertainment Group, and examines the distinctions brought to light in that decision and what they may mean for broadcasters. Our second Note, by Philip Adam Davis, argues that the repudiation of traditional choice-of-law rules in dealing with cyber-defamation is misplaced, and that those rules, particularly the Restatement (Second) are adequate to resolve cyber-defamation disputes.

In this issue’s Comment, Natalie L. Regoli examines data privacy and suggests a statutory framework to combat the ever-increasing trade in personal user data. We conclude with Christopher H. Sterling’s review of FCC Lobbying: A Handbook of Insider Tips and Practical Advice, by Erwin G. Krasnow, David R. Siddall, and Michael D. Berg.

As always, we continue to update and improve the Journal’s Web site, and our “Virtual Journal” (www.law.indiana.edu/fclj) continues to provide content to the more than 150,000 users who access us via the Internet.

The Editorial Board would like to thank all of the Authors for their contributions. We are 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) 855-5555; and e-mail felj@indiana.edu.

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