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EDITOR’S NOTE

This issue marks the end of Volume 50 and the sixtieth anniversary of the Federal Communications Law Journal. To commemorate this historic milestone, the Editorial Board and the Federal Communications Bar Association’s Editorial Advisory Board invited Adrian Cronauer to explore the Journal’s past and future in light of the ever-changing practice of communications law. We are grateful for his contribution.

This commemorative issue also features an essay by Commissioner Michael K. Powell. The Editorial Board is pleased to present Commissioner Powell’s vision of communications policy and leadership.

In the first article, Leonard Kennedy and Heather Purcell discuss the proper jurisdictional scheme for CMRS providers. Concentrating on section 332 of the Communications Act, the authors emphasize the fact that Congress envisioned a centralized, uniform, and nationwide deregulatory environment for wireless service. Erwin Krasnow and Jack Goodman examine the “public interest” standard. This article, initially prepared as a briefing paper, concludes with a discussion of the often elusive standard’s place in the digital age. In the third article, Harry Shooshan proposes a restructuring of the Federal Communications Commission.

This issue contains four student notes. Jason Acton advocates imposing an AIDS education programming requirement upon broadcasters. Jennifer Dombrow addresses employee privacy in light of advancing technologies, and ultimately suggests that new legislation is necessary to define the respective rights of employers and employees. Nancy Reynolds analyzes the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s modified sectarian policy. Finally, Ann Schooley discusses the Food and Drug Administration’s role in the regulation of telemedicine.

This issue closes with a comment by Aaron Schmoll and a book review by Philip Permut. Mr. Schmoll exposes the Supreme Court’s inconsistent commercial speech doctrine; and Mr. Permut reviews Peter Huber’s Law and Disorder in Cyberspace: Abolish the FCC and Let Common Law Rule the Telecosm.

The Editorial Board of Volume 50 wishes to thank the Federal Communications Bar Association’s Editorial Advisory Board for its guidance throughout the year. In particular, we appreciate the distinguished service of Co-Chairs Angela Campbell and Kurt Wimmer. We also wish to recognize our Faculty Advisor, Fred H. Cate, for his continued support and leadership. I want to extend my personal appreciation to our dedicated staff. While it is not possible to thank each member individually, I would like to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our Senior Managing Editor, Kathleen B. Lysaght.
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) 855-0555; and e-mail <fclj@law.indiana.edu>.

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