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Welcome to the second issue of Volume 51 of the Federal Communications Law Journal. This issue covers a broad range of international telecommunications topics.

In the first Article, Amit Schejter discusses the American and Western European influences on the development of Israeli free-speech jurisprudence. Mark Trinchero and Holly Smith follow with a timely analysis of both the new federal universal service regulations and developments in preemption law. The Article develops a legal test for determining whether a state universal service program is in whole or in part “inconsistent with” and thereby preempted by federal law. In the final Article, Gregory Vogt explores the Federal Communications Commission’s efforts to regulate into being marketplace economic forces through price cap regulation. He concludes with a recommendation for important adjustments to allow price caps to achieve their full potential, which will ultimately accelerate the transition to competition.

The student-written works all focus on emerging issues relating to the Internet. In the first Note, Rebecca Gole discusses the present status of the Internet domain name system and then offers suggestions for a system that effectively balances the needs of trademark owners with those of domain-name holders. In her Note, Sarah Hogan discusses Internet censorship and the emerging regulatory paradigm in Singapore. Stevie Kish follows with an argument for state regulation of Internet gambling. Jeff Nowak then provides employers with a proactive course of action to avoid liability for the online criminal acts of employees. Tuan Samahon closes the student pieces with an argument that IP telephony deserves First Amendment protection against FCC regulatory authority.

In an Addendum to his Article published in Issue 1, Lawrence Spiwak discusses the implications of the recent D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Cable & Wireless v. FCC. Finally, Patrick Miles concludes this issue with a review of Thomas Hazlett and Matthew Spitzer’s book, Public Policy Toward Cable Television: The Economics of Rate Controls.
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 pressing 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) 855-0555; and e-mail <fclj@law.indiana.edu>.

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