## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Welcome to Volume 46 of the *Federal Communications Law Journal*, the first issue of the *Journal* to be published by the Indiana University School of LawBloomington. The *Journal* has a long tradition of printing the highest quality articles and student notes on issues relating to communications law and policy and specifically the needs and interests of the communications bar. We certainly intend to continue that tradition.

As part of that commitment, we are expanding the range of issues that the *Journal* will address to reflect both the impact of economics, technology, competition, ethics, and other forces on the development of communications policy and law, and the changing nature of communications law to include intellectual property, data protection, privacy, antitrust, international, and information law. Communications plays an essential and expanding role in all segments of the global economy, including banking, insurance, and other businesses not traditionally considered as communications industries. By addressing the dynamism and breadth of communications, we hope not only to make the *Journal* more useful and interesting to current readers, but to attract a wide variety of new readers and authors.

This first issue of the *Journal* to be published at Indiana addresses an issue of great importance and controversy - cable television. In the pages that follow, Representatives Edward Markey and Michael Oxley are joined by FCC Commissioner Andrew Barrett and experienced practitioners Nicholas Allard, David Nall, and Carl Ramey, in exploring some of the most vexing questions surrounding cable regulation. We appreciate their insightful contributions to this significant debate.

In future issues, the *Journal* will address the information superhighway and, as President Clinton noted, the plans for a New Information Infrastructure; the impact of new communications technologies on the ways in which news is collected, reported, and understood by the American public; the revision of the Communications Act of 1934; the role of communications and communications regulators in financial markets; and other important issues.

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