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FROM THE EDITOR

Volume 4 begins with the proceedings of the Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program's Fifth Anniversary Symposium where students, practitioners, academics, and telecommunications business professionals assembled to continue the communications reformation debate. The Silicon Flatirons symposium, continuing its tradition of encouraging "bolder thinking" in Boulder, enlisted a thoughtful array of academic, industry, and government leaders to examine issues that are largely unaddressed by the Telecom Act.¹ This year's flagship symposium, *The Digital Broadband Migration: Rewriting the Telecommunications Act*, covered a variety of topics from keynote addresses about the practicality of rewriting the Telecom Act to panel discussions about the feasibility of reforming the FCC and its mission.

It is particularly fitting that we begin this issue with an Introduction by Professor Philip J. Weiser, who early in his career, advised the Assistant Attorney General on antitrust policy in the telecommunications industry when the Telecom Act was enacted. Other noted authors included in Issue 1 are: former FCC Chairman Michael Powell; Qwest CEO Richard Notebaert; former Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board Alfred Khan; University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Professor Gerald Faulhaber and Assistant Professor Kevin Werbach; University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) Law School Acting Professor Molly Van Houweling; Northwestern University School of Law Associate Professor James Speta; Rutgers University School of Law (Camden) Associate Professor Ellen Goodman; and Silicon Flatirons Programs & Finance Director third year law student Travis Litman. This issue was made possible with the contributions from these authors for which we are most grateful.

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With these expressions of gratitude as a backdrop, it is with great pleasure that we publish Volume 4, Issue 1 of the *Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law*. We are certain that this issue will continue to feed your intellectual curiosity in telecommunications and technology law and policy.

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