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FROM THE EDITOR

The world of telecommunications is primed to experience many changes. With the dawn of a new administration come changes in executive policy and personnel. For example, President Obama recently announced that a new official would oversee security of the digital infrastructure.¹ President Obama has also “borrowed” Professor Phil Weiser and appointed him to the U.S. Department of Justice. Though we will miss Phil immensely, we wish him all the best. He has been the rock of this journal since its inception and we are thankful that he has brought together such a great support network, including Paul Ohm, Dale Hatfield, Brad Bernthal, Harry Surden and Andrew Schwartz, to continue guiding the *Journal*. It is with these topics in the foreground that we are pleased to present the second and final issue of the seventh volume of the *Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law*.

This issue begins with an article from Professor F.M. Scherer discussing the evolution of patent reform in the United States and abroad. The next article is a contribution from authors Rick Whitt and Stephen Schultze. Their article discusses “Emergence Economics” and applies this concept to communication policy. The next two articles conclude the pieces presented at the Silicon Flatirons Digital Broadband Migration Conference, which focused on “Information Policy for the Next Administration.” Professor Christopher Sprigman’s article advocates applying antitrust principles to copyright law. Professor Ellen Goodman discusses how the goals of communication policy might not be best served through the auction process used in the 700 MHz auction.

As in every issue, we are also pleased to present student notes. Dana Jozefczyk, a Casenote and Comment Editor, writes about Apple’s Fairplay and the antitrust cases brought against Apple alleging illegal tying. In his article, John Bergmayer, the Lead Production Editor, argues against using lawyers or legislatures to create policy solutions with respect to “software monocultures” when these issues may be resolved through technical advancements. Finally, we are thankful to Faegre & Benson for sponsoring the 2008 Silicon Flatirons Writing Competition. David Wilson, JTHTL’s Editor in Chief for volume six, won the competition for his article regarding the Navajo Nation and the Internet to the

¹ Cam Simpson & August Cole, *Obama Moves to Curb Data-System Attacks*, WALL ST.J., May 30-31, 2009, at A3.

Hogan technology plan. In his article, he discusses jurisdictional questions surrounding tribal sovereignty regarding the plan and advocates policy and statutory changes.

I thank these authors for their contributions. I also cannot express enough gratitude to the entire board and the members for their time and commitment to the *Journal*. A special thanks to our Production Editors, John Bergmayer and Chris Larson, for their countless hours of work on these articles.

As I mentioned above, volume eight marks a transition year for the *Journal*. Judging by the work they have already done, I know there is no group of people better equipped to handle the changes than the board of volume eight, led by Blake Reid, Ty Martinez, Avi Loewenstein, Per Larsen and Jeff O'Holleran.

Finally, I have to thank my family and friends for their support and patience. I also must thank the many professors at the University of Colorado Law School who have provided astounding expertise and support. I am proud to call them my mentors and friends.

Along with the entire board of editors, I am pleased to present the second and final issue of the seventh volume of the *Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law*.

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