The Transportation Law Journal would like to congratulate our Executive Articles Editor Paul Rupprecht for his recent publication in the Spring 2009 Issue (36.1) of the Transportation Law Journal!

Paul’s article, entitled Bridge Failures in the United States: Potential Remedies for Injured Parties - Case Study: I-35 Minneapolis Bridge Collapse, outlines the current conditions of the bridges in the United States. His article discusses the deficiencies of many of our nation’s bridges, the causes of those deficiencies, and the difficulties faced by the agencies charged with keeping our nation’s bridges in good repair. Paul then discusses the remedies available to those who are injured as a result of a bridge failure in order to outline the likely causes of action for those who were injured as a result of the Interstate 35 bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Paul identifies several potential causes of action against the contractors responsible for different aspects of the Interstate 35 bridge’s construction and maintenance. He also notes that a fund, similar to the one created by the Federal Government after the World Trade Center tragedy, has been set up by the Minnesota Legislature to compensate the victims of the collapse. Paul’s article paints a dim picture of our nation’s bridges and highlights the ever present risk to those who travel across those bridges every day. Check out his stellar work on Westlaw or LexisNexis at 36 Transp. L.J. 75.

Congratulations, Paul!