Dear Friends and Fellow Readers,

As Editor-in-Chief of Transportation Law Journal at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, I am pleased to write what I hope to be the first of many newsletters for The Transportation Lawyer. The suggestion to write a newsletter must be credited to Professor Robert Hardaway, faculty advisor for the Journal and tenured professor at the University. By sending out this newsletter, we hope that each of you will gain some insight into the time and committed efforts that our staff invest in the Transportation Law Journal.

Before moving onto some of the benefits that the Journal can provide to you, I would like to take a moment to recognize our dedicated staff. Currently, the Journal is comprised of 42 members, including 10 board members and 32 staff and technical editors. While the Journal averages about 30 members per semester, a record number of students applied for the Transportation Law Journal this fall semester. Although I cannot say for certain, I would like to attribute the large number of applicants to the Business Transportation Law course for creating an increased interest in the transportation law industry, and this year’s board for creating a candidacy application that encouraged students to learn more about the transportation industry while simultaneously offering them the opportunity to publish.

In past years, the candidacy application for the Journal consisted of a writing assignment on a recent article published in the Journal. This year, the Board decided to do something different. This year, the applicants read a New York state case, Graham v. Dunkley, addressing the issue of whether the Transportation Equity Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. § 30106, could effectively protect motor carrier rental companies from suits in negligence. 827 N.Y.S.2d 513 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2006). We invited Maki Gorchynsky, the applicant with an outstanding case comment, to publish his work in the Journal in our latest issue. For more information on publishing with the Transportation Law Journal, please contact our Managing Editor, Jeannine Holmes at jholmes09@law.du.edu. There are still openings in our 2009 spring issue, so email us soon to reserve your space!

The Transportation Law Journal is scheduled to print three times during the 2008-2009 academic year. We are excited that a few of the works included within the publications are students’ papers from the Business Transportation Law course. While many students applied to have their paper submitted for publication, only three students have been offered the opportunity to publish. Thanks to the hard work of the Articles Review Board, a student based peer review board within the Journal, only the finest submissions by the students have been selected for publication.

In addition to submissions for the Business Transportation Law course, the Journal established an online forum of potential topics for students and Journal staff to pursue for publication. I am most grateful to Mr. James Hardman for his great suggestions in this regard. There are a number of potential topics that staff members on the Journal may choose to work on during the semester for potential publication. For the staff members, the opportunity is an effective way to satisfy their upper level writing requirement for graduation, while simultaneously having their work offered for publication. In this regard, if there are any topics that you as readers would like to see published in the Transportation Law Journal, we encourage your thoughts and feedback.
Please feel free to email either myself or Jeannine Holmes at tlj@law.du.edu if you would like your topic posted on our forum.

Along those lines, the Journal recently established a new website in an effort to solicit articles from professionals, as well as post news on some interesting topics confronting the transportation industry. I encourage you to visit our website at http://www.law.du.edu/lawReviews/transportationJournal/index.cfm to see our recent postings. Our website also includes an archive of articles written in the Transportation Law Journal since 1969. The list is almost complete and over the course of the year, our Technology Editors hope to have the list organized by subject matter. You can also find the most recent articles from the Journal’s last publication posted on the website.

In the next issue of The Transportation Lawyer, I hope to bring you more updates on our Journal’s progress. For now, I hope that I have shed some insight on the inner workings of the Transportation Law Journal and I look forward to working with you.

Kindest regards,

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