Greetings Friends and Fellow Readers:

I hope this letter finds you all well! I write to update you on the Transportation Law Journal’s many accomplishments the first half of this year. First, I encourage each of you to take a look at our new website which can be accessed by going to http://law.du.edu/index.php/transportation-law-journal. Our website, which is now located on the University of Denver Sturm College of Law’s main server, includes TLJ member biographies and photos, current transportation news postings, links to our most recently published articles, and more! Thanks to our Technology Editor, Steven Boatright, I am excited to inform you that all the articles published in the TLJ are available on our website – this includes over 80 issues published by the TLJ since 1969. The articles are posted under the Issues – Archives page and is password protected. All subscribers will be given the password and username upon request. Please email Mr. Boatright at (sboatright09@law.du.edu) if you are interested in reviewing the Archives page, or Michal Lord-Blegen at (mlord-blegen09@law.du.edu) if you are interested in subscribing to the TLJ.

In addition to the TLJ’s technological advances, I am excited to report that 23 students participated in our 2008 winter candidacy. Of those participants, 13 members were invited to join the TLJ in the fall of 2008. Students will have another opportunity to join the TLJ as we will be hosting a summer candidacy as well. The hope is that we can maintain our membership of about 50, as many of our members have graduated this past May.

In other news, the TLJ published the first issue of the year – Volume 35:1 – and will be publishing a valuable symposium issue on independent contractors this coming June. Both issues address important developments in transportation law, such as the affect of the Minneapolis bridge collapse, the legislative progress on electronic on-board recording devices (EOBRs), and the past, present and future outlook on independent contractor laws.

During the end of the semester, the TLJ hosted a banquet to congratulate the dedicated staff and TLA members that have contributed to the TLJ’s tremendous success this year. Mike Davis, our Executive Editor, arranged a beautiful dinner at the Phipps Mansion and over 50 of the past, present and future TLJ members attended. During the dinner, we also introduced the Executive Board members that will taking over the TLJ for the 2008-2009 academic year and recognized the most dedicated staff member and board member with new awards: the Outstanding Staff Editor award and Outstanding Board Member award. David Hyams, a recent author published in the TLJ, and staff editor since the fall of 2007, received the Outstanding Staff Editor award for his sharp Bluebooking skills, polished case comment on Bostain v. Food Express, Inc., and his dedicated efforts to the TLJ. Catherine Spain, also a recent author in the TLJ, received the Outstanding Board Member award. Ms. Spain has been with the TLJ since the fall of 2006 and is also the Executive Articles Editor. Be sure to read Ms. Spain’s article: The Long and Lonely Road: the Saga of the Recent Amendments to the Hours of Service Regulations, also published in volume 35:1.

Later in May, myself and our incoming Managing Editor, Greg LeBouton, traveled to the sunny beaches of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the TLA Annual Conference. Although we were both studying for finals, we enjoyed visiting with all our TLA friends and advancing our knowledge on the most recent issues confronting all the various modes of transportation.
Now, finals are over, graduation has come and gone, and twenty-one of the Transportation Law Journal’s members join the ranks of many studying for the upcoming bars in July, including myself! Although my tenure as Editor-in-Chief comes is coming to a close, an excellent group of new leaders are emerging to take over the Transportation Law Journal for the next academic year.

Your newest Board Members are…

Richard Rabner, Editor-in-Chief
Gregory LeBouton, Managing Editor
Abigail Serna, Executive Editor
Madoche Jean, Executive Review Editor
Michal Lord-Blegen, Business Editor
Steven Boatright, Technology Editor
Joshua Prok, Executive Articles Editor
Richard Zelenka, Executive Articles Editor
Matt Mulch, Executive Articles Editor

Be sure to read their biographies on our Members Page.

While the time has come to turn the reigns over to these new bright shining stars, I do not want to leave without saying that it has been a pleasure serving all our readers, and working along the best and brightest students at the University of Denver. I wish all my graduating 3Ls the very best in their future careers, and wish the incoming Board Members great success in their tenure on the TLJ.

I remain, very truly yours,

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