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On behalf of the new Editorial Board, I would like to welcome you to the first issue of *The Richmond Journal of Law and Technology's* 2000-2001 publication term! *The Journal* is entering its sixth year of publication and is coming off its most successful year ever. The 1999-2000 publication year was our most prolific, as we published five issues and continued to lead the field of technology law reviews. We are excited about the amazing growth *The Journal* has experienced in recent years. Our articles are now read by over 30,000 people in more than 65 countries.

During this publication term, we will be publishing four regular issues and holding a large scale symposium on Virginia's *Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act* ("UCITA") on March 3, 2001. Please check our site for updates on the symposium.

Issue 1 offers our growing readership a selection of some of the most timely and informative issues in technology law today. Included in this issue are articles, casenotes, and comments on Internet taxation, MP3 litigation, domain name arbitration, judicial review of findings of fact by the Patent and Trademark Office, and implementation of local telephone competition.

I hope you will explore this issue at length, as it offers valuable information for the practitioner, academic, student, or casual reader. Kevin Smith offers an insightful analysis of the contentious issue of Internet taxation, in *Internet Taxes: Congressional Efforts to Control States' Ability to Tax the World Wide Web*. Peter Corcoran's article, *Administrative Procedure Act Standards Governing Judicial Review of Findings of Fact Made by the Patent and Trademark Office*, discusses standards of review applied by the PTO after the Supreme Court's ruling in *Dickinson v. Zurko*. In his article, *The Development of Arbitration in the Resolution of Internet Domain Name Disputes*, Christopher Lee explores one of the most controversial areas in online intellectual property protection: conflicting registration of Internet domain names. Our casenotes lead readers through two of the most high profile topics in the news over the past several weeks: MP3 litigation and telecommunications competition. Michael Osborne's comment on *The Unfinished Business of Breaking Up "Ma Bell": Implementing Local Telephone Competition in the Twenty-First Century*, is particularly timely following the recent acquisition of Bell Atlantic by Verizon Communications. Stephen Webb, a member of the Journal's Editorial Board, explores the efforts of the recording industry to hinder the availability of free music online in *RIAA v Diamond Multimedia Systems: The Recording Industry Attempts to Slow the MP3 Revolution, Taking Aim at the Jogger-Friendly Diamond Rio*.

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