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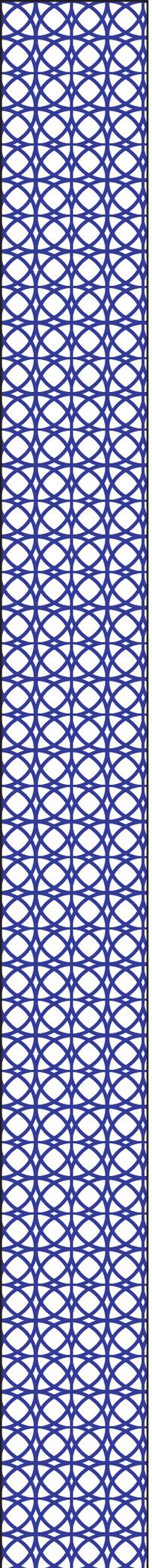
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Dear Readers:

On behalf of the 2003-2004 Editorial Board, I would like to welcome you to the third issue of the *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology's* 2003-2004 publication term! This issue includes three articles covering the AOL Instant Messenger restriction before the FCC, online alternative dispute resolution, and a proposal for regulating Internet gambling.

Our first article comes from Mr. Fernando Laguarda, who, in his article *Unleashing "Instant Messaging" From Regulatory Oversight*, writes on his experience representing AOL Time Warner before the Federal Communications Commission. In 2000, the FCC restricted AOL Time Warner's ability to offer advanced interactive high-speed Instant Messaging services over its facilities; however, Mr. Laguarda was able to successfully convince the FCC to lift this restriction. His article discusses the history behind the IM condition and the arguments used to convince the FCC to lift the restriction.

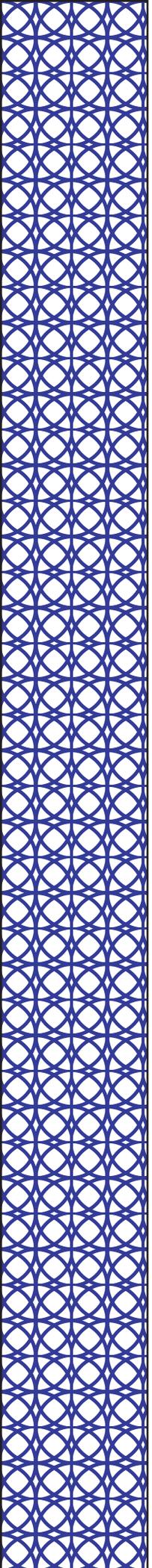
Our second article, *Using ADR To Resolve Online Disputes*, discusses online alternative dispute resolution and is authored by Mr. Aashit Shah. In his article, Mr. Shah analyzes ADR in the online world, looking at the effectiveness of ADR and suggesting some of the issues online businesses and online ADR providers should keep in mind to boost consumer confidence and make online ADR more effective. I encourage you to read this article, as ADR stands to become a more common remedy for lawsuits as court dockets continue to grow more and more crowded.

Our last article, *The Federal Framework for Internet Gambling*, comes from Harvard Law School student Jonathan Gottfried. Mr. Gottfried considers Congress's historical approach towards gambling and discerns a few trends in federal gaming policy. While evaluating a series of reforms that have been presented in Congressional Internet gambling bills, Mr. Gottfried ultimately concludes that Congress should target financial institutions associated with unlawful gambling in order to reinforce state gambling policies.

The *Journal* would also like to announce that in the coming months, we will publish two additional issues: one issue dedicated to the "Do Not Call List" controversy in March 2004 and the first Annual Survey on e-Discovery law in April 2004.

I hope you find these articles relevant and informative. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions in response to these pieces, as well as to the overall content, features, and appearance of our website. Please contact us for comments, suggestions, inquiries, and submissions at [jolt@richmond.edu](mailto:jolt@richmond.edu). Thank you again for your continued readership and support of our endeavors.

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