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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the third issue of the Richmond Journal of Law & Technology for the 2005-2006 academic year. Volume 12, Issue 3 deals with contemporary issues of law and technology involving privacy, academics, and healthcare.

Professor Ira Bloom is a professor of political science at The University of New York and he presents an analysis of the importance of information privacy in the modern era – “*Freedom of Information Laws in the Digital Age: The Death Knell of Informational Privacy.*” The proliferation of Freedom of Information Laws and Acts has created a government culture of disclosure that conflicts with current notions of protected personal data.

Professor Deborah R. Gerhardt, Copyright and Scholarly Communications Director for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Director of the Law School’s Intellectual Property Initiative has written an essential piece for understanding plagiarism in the digital age – “*Plagiarism in Cyberspace: Learning the Rules of Recycling Content with a View Towards Nurturing Academic Trust in an Electronic World.*” Professor Gerhardt has spoken on the topic of plagiarism at the University of Richmond School of Law for the Richmond Journal of Law & Technology Staff. She brings insightful commentary for the law student, journal member, or academic profession on communicating academic authority clearly.

Jeff Todd author of “*E-Prescribing in a Changing Legal Environment*” is a former professor of professional and technical communication in his third year at the University of Texas School of Law. His article examines the e-prescribing laws of California, Texas, and New York through the prism of the Drug Enforcement Agency’s regulation and discusses the complexities of complying with differing legal and regulatory schemes.

Dr. Sean B. Seymore, a third year student at Notre Dame Law School, presents a paper on academic scholarship, “*How Does My Work Become Our Work? Dilution of Authorship in Scientific Papers, and the Need for the Academy to Obey Copyright Law.*” His article complements Professor Gerhardt’s discussion of plagiarism and presents an excellent analysis of the challenges facing academia, particularly in the scientific community in the areas of copyright and professional advancement.

As the academic year ends, I would like to thank the University of Richmond School of Law faculty for their continued support of the Journal, the Editorial Board and Staff of the Journal, our readers, and the fine authors who continue to engage in the important conversation regarding the convergence of law and technology this Journal began twelve years ago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal H. Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

Neal H. Lewis  
Editor-in-Chief

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