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Welcome to the first issue of Volume 3 of The University of Oklahoma College of Law's *Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal* ("ONE J"). This is the inaugural issue for the incoming editorial board. In this issue, we are pleased to publish student papers written by ONE J members Donald Cantrell and John David Weidman. This issue also features summaries of recent cases from around the country that are relevant to the energy industry.

Mr. Cantrell is a 2017 graduate of the College of Law. His article, *A Review of the Department of Defense's Energy Conservation Investment Program*, discusses the history of the military's Energy Conservation Investment Program and suggests improvements to make the program a trendsetter within the government and society at large. The article examines past examples of energy conservation within the military and how the military's switch to new energy forms has affected energy dependency in the United States.

Mr. Weidman is a rising third-year student at the College of Law and boasts an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering. His article, *The Future of Patent Troll Legislation and Its Effects on the Energy Industry*, explores the relationship between patent trolls and the energy industry and discusses ways to prevent patent trolls from inflicting further economic damage. State legislatures have had little success attempting to solve this federal problem, and federal solutions have similarly floundered. Amid rising economic costs during the energy industry's downturn, industry leaders must recognize this changing landscape to shirk patent trolls and the ineffective laws meant to stop them.

We would like to graciously thank Mr. Cantrell and Mr. Weidman for allowing ONE J to publish their articles. The incoming editorial board has worked hard to produce this issue and is proud to accept the baton from the journal's recent graduates.

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