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Welcome to the sixth and final issue of Volume 2 of the University of Oklahoma's *Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal* ("ONE J"). The featured article in this issue was written by Professor Joseph R. Dancy and Ms. Victoria A. Dancy and covers a topic of increasing contemporary importance: cybersecurity of oil and gas pipeline infrastructure. Professor Dancy presented his thesis at the March 2017 Oklahoma Mineral Lawyers Society dinner in Oklahoma City. ONE J is also proud to present articles written by three of its newest members, Joshua Conaway, Douglas Brooking, and Mason Smith.

Professor and Ms. Dancy's article, *Terrorism and Oil & Gas Pipeline Infrastructure: Vulnerability and Potential Liability for Cybersecurity Attacks*, explores the current state of pipeline infrastructure in the United States, the potential physical and cyber threats to such systems, liability for these cyber intrusion, and the issue of whether voluntary cybersecurity standards are sufficient to protect the public from harm.

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Joshua Conaway's article, *Be Aggressive with Wind Energy: Blow Away the Decommissioning Fears*, addresses questions about deconstructing, or decommissioning, wind farms. He posits that state legislatures should pass legislation to specify who is responsible for decommissioning, guarantee funding for decommissioning, and create an agency to decommission turbines that are not properly decommissioned under the enacted regulations. Mr. Conaway's article won ONE J's 2017 Outstanding Comment Award.

Douglas Brooking's article, *The Curse of Black Gold: How Maritime Oil Reserves Can Sink International Negotiations*, highlights how the proliferation of offshore petroleum production continually tests the maritime boundaries established under international law. Mr. Brooking

discusses disputes between sovereign nations regarding the control of subsea oil and gas plays. Additionally, he suggests that one potential way to remedy the ongoing conflicts would be for multinational, privately held oil and gas companies to play a more hands-on role as a dispute mediator.

Mason Smith's article, *The Texas Agritourism Act: Why the Texas Legislature Put Farmer Liability Out to Pasture*, discusses agricultural landowners' protection from civil liability for injuries guests sustain during agritourism. The article emphasizes agritourism's utility for small-scale farming operations and compares the Texas statute to agritourism legislation in other states. Next, the article analyzes the relationship between the Texas Agritourism Act and similar Texas statutes pertaining to agricultural landowner liability. Finally, the article suggests ways that Texas could improve its statute and agritourism promotional efforts based on methods that other states have employed.

This issue also includes summaries of recent cases from around the country that are relevant to the energy industry.

ONE J graciously thanks Professor Dancy, Ms. Dancy, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Brooking, and Mr. Smith for allowing ONE J to publish their materials. ONE J is happy to conclude Volume 2 with such a unique and broad-ranging list of topics.

We remind you that the inaugural ONE J Symposium will take place at the University of Oklahoma College of Law on April 7, 2017. The featured speakers will be Professor Owen Anderson, Professor Bruce Kramer, Professor John Lowe, Professor Patrick Martin, Professor David Percy, Professor David Pierce, Professor Ernest Smith, Professor Keith Hall, Professor Phillip Norvell, Dr. Chris Kulander, Professor Tara Righetti, Professor Alex Ritchie, and Adjunct Professor Harry Sullivan. We are confident that there is no better place to be on April 7th for anyone interested in energy than right here in Norman, Oklahoma. You are cordially invited and can RSVP at the following link:

https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_esr7gs9HFbr78TX.

Finally, the 2016/2017 Editorial Board thanks Professor Monika Ehrman, Dean Darin Fox, Michael Waters, Dean Brian McCall, Professor Owen Anderson, Dean Joseph Harroz, Daniel Franklin, Jordan Volino, and many others for their ongoing support of ONE J. ONE J has enjoyed numerous successes over the past year which have been the product of a truly monumental team effort. The esteemed founders of ONE J handed this editorial board the baton, which we are proud to now relay to next year's

class of leaders who are sure to take ONE J to even greater heights. We look forward to the first issue of Volume 3 in May.

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