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Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the Fourth Edition of Volume Nine of the Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, & Energy Journal (ONE-J). This edition contains five riveting articles that dive deep into topics such as environmental tort litigation and the climate related disclosure rule. Also in this volume are the remarks of the 2023 Eugene Kuntz Award winner, Eric King.

Our first article, "Public or Private? It Doesn't Matter: An Analysis of the Court/Agency Relationship as to the Issue of Operator Designation" offers insights into the intricate relationship between the judiciary and regulatory agencies in determining operator designation, shedding light on the nuances that shape industry practices.

Next, "East Asian Energy Transition: Opportunities, Challenges, and The Paris Agreement" navigates the complex terrain of energy transition in East Asia, exploring the interplay of opportunities and challenges within the framework of global climate agreements.

"It's Not Easy Going Green: An Analysis of the Greenwashing Phenomenon and Its Place in Federal Court Through the Case of *Mass. v. ExxonMobil Corp*" scrutinizes the phenomenon of greenwashing, unraveling its implications within the legal realm through a case study that underscores the importance of corporate transparency and accountability.

In "Risky Business: Shining a Light with Corporate Climate-Related Disclosures in an Age of Agency Skepticism," the spotlight is cast on climate-related disclosures, illuminating the role of corporations in fostering transparency amidst growing skepticism towards regulatory frameworks.

Finally, "Balancing on the Knife's Edge: Subject Matter Jurisdiction in Climate Tort Litigation" examines the intricate jurisdictional challenges in climate tort litigation, highlighting the complexities inherent in seeking legal recourse for climate-related harms.

As my tenure as Editor-in-Chief comes to an end, I am overwhelmed with emotions. Leading this journal has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. I extend my deepest gratitude to Michael Waters, whose meticulous attention to detail and swift action have been invaluable. Professor Joseph Schremmer, your mentorship and guidance have been a pillar of strength and wisdom. And to my extraordinary editorial board, your unwavering dedication and brilliance have been the heartbeat of this journal. Your hard work and resilience have not only elevated ONE-J but have also inspired me every single day.

To our readers and supporters, you have been the silent heroes of our journey. Your engagement and feedback have driven us to strive for excellence and to push the boundaries of knowledge and understanding in the fields of oil, gas, natural resources, and energy.

For the final time I wish you well,

Kelsey Lauerman
Editor-in-Chief

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