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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of the Richmond Journal of Law & Technology for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Staff and Editorial Board of the Journal have spent considerable time preparing this issue for publication, endeavoring to continue the legal discourse on a range of topics. Volume 12, Issue 2 addresses four distinct areas of law.

Dr. Bratislav Stanković, an associate at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, presents a discussion regarding the patenting of human-animal hybrids in “Patenting the Minotaur.”

Dr. Reuven Levary, Professor of Decision Sciences at the St. Louis University’s John Cook School of Business, along with David Thompson, Kristen Kot and Julie Brothers, have contributed an analysis of emerging issues in Radio Frequency Identification. Their article, “Radio Frequency Identification: Legal Aspects,” is a starting point for discussing this new technology.

Thomas A. Mitchell, 2005 Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame Law School, provides an analysis of copyright law, highlighting the struggle between publisher and author in “State of the Art(s): Protecting Publishers or Promoting Progress.”

The Journal has also included the transcript of the John Marshall Scholars Program held February 28, 2005. The program brought together different interests for a discussion debating Virginia House Bill 2797, a bill to add internet technological protection measures in Virginia libraries. Participants included Douglas Henderson, Director of the Loudoun County Public Library, Colby M. May, of the American Center for Law & Justice, Dean Rodney Smolla, Dean of the University of Richmond School of Law and constitutional scholar, and members of the John Marshall
Scholars Program acting as Committee Members. The transcript represents one of many vibrant presentations regularly occurring at the University Of Richmond School Of Law.

The Richmond Journal of Law & Technology would like to thank our authors for their articles. The Staff and Editorial Board look forward to continued contributions on emerging issues of law and technology.

Sincerely,

Neal H. Lewis
Editor-in-Chief