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Dear Readers,

On behalf of the Editorial Board and Staff, I would like to welcome you to Volume XI of the *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology*. As we look ahead to the coming year, and particularly to our tenth anniversary this April, we would like to thank you for your continued support. The *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology* would not be what it is today without quality submissions from practitioners, positive feedback from our readers, and the diligent efforts of so many who have worked to make the *Journal* a success over the past ten years. In this first issue, we proudly present you with several timely articles. In addition we are pleased to include the winning submission from our 2004 Writing Competition.

Thomas J. Speiss and Stephen M. Levine, members of Kazaa's litigation team; have submitted "An Analysis of the Factors that Determine When and How to Resolve a Trademark Dispute." The article explores the factors involved in the resolution of a trademark dispute, including ideas on strategy and negotiation designed to aid practitioners in the planning necessary to achieve positive outcomes for their clients.

In his second article published by the *Journal*, "An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Legal Reasoning: Using xTalk to Model the Alien Tort Claims Act and Torture Victim Protection Act," Eric Allen Engle introduces artificial intelligence and legal reasoning as they relate to the law, as well as an interactive computer program that assists the user with the resolution of a problem under the Alien Tort Claims Act and the Torture Victims Protection Act. Anna E. Engelman and Dale A. Scott have co-authored an article which details the case law on Internet file sharing and evaluates Hollywood's efforts to combat Internet piracy and growing revenue losses in their article, "Arrgh! Hollywood Targets Internet Piracy." Christopher Jackson, a third-year student at the University of North Carolina School of Law, is the winner of our national student writing competition. This entry was selected from a competitive field of almost 100 submissions. The article, "Learning from the Mistakes of the Past: Disclosure of Financial Conflicts of Interest and Genetic Research," investigates recent legal and ethical developments as related to informed consent and conflicts of interests in genetic research.

This year, in addition to publishing two more regular issues and our Second Annual Survey on Electronic Discovery, we will host our biennial symposium early next semester. We are also looking forward to the celebration of our Tenth Anniversary this spring. We thank you for your support, and look forward to another decade of publishing quality articles at the expanding intersection of law and technology.

Sincerely,

Sean Sullivan Kumar
Editor-in-Chief

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