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Dear Readers,

The *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology* is proud to present the second issue of the 2008–2009 academic school year. Our authors analyze a variety of controversial legal topics that are at the forefront of debates regarding the intersection of technology and law.

William Hett’s article, “Digital Currencies and the Rise of Terrorism,” discusses the rise of terrorism in the wake of increasingly available digital currency. The article explains that anonymous money transfer and exchange services offer terrorists and drug traffickers the opportunity to transfer money with a lower risk of detection. Hett suggests that improving U.S. financial regulations will aid investigations and prevent terrorists from obtaining the funding to carry out attacks. He proposes increased reporting requirements, as well as consumer identification and verification, to decrease the incidence of illegal money transfers and the terrorist attacks they facilitate.

Renee Dopplick’s article, “Hidden Costs of the Wireless Broadband Lifestyle: Comparing Consumer Protections in the United States, Canada, and the European Union,” discusses the effects of enhanced technology for wireless devices. Her article analyzes the roles of various industry players and consumer advocates in the ongoing policy debate over the appropriateness of “white space” access for unlicensed devices. Dopplick proposes new methods for prohibiting interference and other ideas to improve the Federal Communications Commission’s regulatory approach.

The *Journal* is especially grateful for the continuing support and assistance of the faculty and staff at the University of Richmond, most especially the guidance we receive on a regular basis from our advisors, Professors Melanie Holloway and Jim Gibson.

We hope you enjoy Issue Two. On behalf of the entire 2008-2009 *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology* staff, I extend our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks for your readership and support. Thank you for visiting the *Journal's* website, and as always, comments and suggestions are welcome from our readers at jolt@richmond.edu.

Sincerely,

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