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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue highlights the proceedings of the Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program’s Seventh Anniversary Symposium, which this year focused on the next wave of innovation in digital broadband migration.¹ From the panel on network management, two articles examine the changing nature of the network neutrality debate. Professor Jerry Kang discusses how aspects of the network neutrality debate have evolved into questions about “anti-discrimination.” He uncovers several surprising lessons that can be learned from comparing and contrasting race discrimination with net discrimination. Professor Howard Shelanski then analyzes unanswered questions that create risks for committing to any single solution to the network neutrality debate. He examines the policy implications that arise from these uncertainties. Three articles then follow from the panel on digital rights management ("DRM"). Professor Pamela Samuelson and Jason Schultz show that copyright owners may be harming consumers of digital products because of the lack of effective notice about their DRM restrictions. They argue that regulation is needed while simultaneously preserving the goals of protecting copyright using DRM. Professor Neil Netanel discusses issues arising for mobile phone carriers who might be tempted to create “walled gardens” in which DRM is used to lock customers into a provider’s services rather than to protect against copyright infringement. Professor Mark Lemley sorts through the patchwork of safe harbor provisions intended to protect Internet intermediaries against liability for intellectual property infringement. He argues for a uniform safe harbor rule based on the trademark immunity statute.

In addition to our symposium articles, this issue presents two additional contributions. Warren Lavey examines several recent global telecommunications mergers and acquisitions, contrasting the conditions imposed for national security and labor protection reasons with congressional and federal agency efforts to deregulate the industry. His findings and analysis suggest several ways to create more coherence when the global telecommunications industry faces the tensions between

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deregulation and U.S. national security and labor concerns. Our Production Editor, Michael Beylkin, concludes this issue with an article discussing the Supreme Court decision in eBay, Inc. v. MercExchange, L.L.C. and its ramifications for the biotech and pharmaceutical industries. He argues that the Court’s equitable test for injunctive relief in patent infringement cases should not cause any fear within these industries.

I wish to thank all our authors for providing excellent articles for this issue. Articles Editors Conor Boyle, Brian Geoghegan, Scott Grayson, and Karam Saab have played critical roles in working with each of our authors to make each article the best it can be. Without their hard work and dedication, this issue would not have been possible. Production Editor Michael Beylkin then spent countless hours helping fine tune each article so that it meets the high standards we set for publication. I will never be able to adequately thank him for all that he has done. Once again, the journal is indebted to Assistant Production Editor Mike Boucher, who has volunteered significant amounts of his time to helping on all aspects of production.

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We hope that you find the articles contained in this first issue of the sixth volume of the *Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law* insightful and thought provoking.

*David B. Wilson*

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