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Dear Readers,

The *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology* is proud to present its second issue of the 2006–2007 academic school year. The *Journal* staff has worked diligently during the first half of the year to produce an exceptional issue.

The first article of this issue is written by Jonathan D. Frieden and Sean Patrick Roche. Mr. Frieden is a Principal at Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P.C., in Fairfax, Virginia. He is a 1997 graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law. His co-author, Sean Patrick Roche, is an associate at Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P.C., and a 2004 graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law. Their article, *E-Commerce, Legal Issues of the Online Retailer in Virginia*, outlines the legal implications associated with online commerce in the state of Virginia.

Marvin L. Longabaugh presents the second article of this issue, *The Z-Test for Percentages: A Statistical Tool to Detect Pretextual Neutral Juror Challenges*. Mr. Longabaugh's article uses an original data set and statistical computation known as the Z-Test to investigate potentially discriminatory voir dire questions. Mr. Longabaugh is a 2001 graduate of the Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas, and currently President and CEO of Magellan Research, a public opinion research firm.

The third article is written by Dr. Michael Meehan. His article, *Virtual Property: Protecting Bits in Context*, explores the unique property rights issues created by online virtual gaming, an emerging topic in computer and intellectual property law. Dr. Meehan has a Ph.D. in computer science and will graduate from Stanford University Law School in May of 2007.

The final note of this issue is presented by Allison Hundstad, a second year student at the University of Richmond School of Law. Ms.

Hundstad's article, *Faulkner v. National Geographic's' Effect on Author's Rights in Electronic Transfer*, is the winning submission in the Richmond Journal of Law and Technology's annual staff competition. Her manuscript evaluates the legal implications of *Faulkner v. National Geographic* on authors' rights to control the reproduction of their copyrighted work.

The Journal would especially like to thank the faculty and staff at the University of Richmond for their continued support and guidance. Our faculty advisor, James Gibson, has provided much needed and valuable assistance with the publication of this issue. We look forward to the publication of the final two issues of this school year and hope to continue to produce scholarly and relevant works for the legal community.

Thank you for visiting the *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology*. As our readers, JOLT welcomes your comments, suggestions, submission, and general feedback at jolt@richmond.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Player', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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