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## FROM THE EDITOR

Almost ten years ago, CTLJ's then-Editor-in-Chief, Blake Reid, mused, "The rapid growth of the Internet over the past twenty years stirs the imagination as to what the next twenty will bring." Nearly halfway through his twenty we are offered a moment to pause—and reflect. Here, at our own institution, we are at a crossroads, as our founder, Phil Weiser, departs to serve as the Colorado Attorney General. The indelible impression that Phil has left on the hearts and minds of those who have served on this journal is reified its pages. From the words written by former editors-in-chief, to the scholarship that this journal has featured, to Phil's own academic contributions, we are reminded that through rigorous intellectual analysis we can shape robust policy outcomes. For that, I dedicate this issue not just to Phil but also to the many CTLJ alumni who have gone on to forge their careers in the image of his spirit.

The Internet, too, is in a state of flux. The 18th annual Silicon Flatirons conference was the first not named The Digital Broadband Migration Conference—Phil declared, "The migration came and went." And the dialogue at the conference was further colored by the passing of Internet pioneer, John Perry Barlow. Against that backdrop, industry thought leaders set out to grapple with the questions posed by the Internet's rapidly changing architecture. The pieces in CTLJ Volume 17, Issue 1 capture the dynamics of that discussion.

In his Keynote Address, Google's Chief Internet Evangelist, Vint Cerf, lamented the ascendance of the "unsafe Internet" and articulated several strategies to promote safety, privacy, and security, in cyberspace. Professors Jen Daskal and Paul Ohm engaged in a vigorous debate about whether we need strong national borders on the Internet. Adam Thierer, Ryan Hagemann, and Jennifer Huddleston posited that an evolving set of informal "soft law" governance mechanisms are primed to become the dominant modus operandi for modern technological governance in the United States. Professor and computer scientist Anne Washington voiced concerns about the roles that algorithms are playing in our criminal justice system. And Professor Christopher Yoo revived an underexplored principle in Paul Baron's article, "On Distributed Communications Networks," to reconceptualize network architecture.

I am also honored to present three notes from my fellow editors. Trevor Bervik invokes principles from plant-patent law to devise a patent framework for software. Andrew Neiman discusses a framework to regulate mHealth Apps. And Caitlin Stover discusses *Star Athletica* and its ramifications in the fashion industry.

Finally, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I extend thanks to our

editorial team: Galen Pospisil, Emily Caditz, Emily Dreiling, and Trevor Bervik, who each provided immeasurable support during the production of this issue. I also want to express a special thanks to three editors who truly went above and beyond. Emily D., Trevor, and Susan Miller poured their minds and their energies into these pages, and without them, this issue would not have been possible. Thank you.

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*Sophie Galleher*  
*Editor-in-Chief, Volume 17*

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