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Dear Reader:

The Transportation Law Journal is pleased to present Volume 44 number 1, the second of two issues by the 2016-2017 editorial staff. This edition features an article by John M. Scheib, Vice President Law at Norfolk Southern Corporation and Aarthy S. Thamodaran, Assistant General Counsel at Norfolk Southern Corporation, and an article by Hubert Horan, a consultant at Hubert Horan Aviation Consulting.

The article by Scheib and Thamodaran discusses how the Surface Transportation Board sought to expedite proceedings that evaluate the reasonableness of certain rates charged by railroads for the transportation of regulated shipments. The article explores the tools courts use to expedite litigation and opines whether these tools could apply to rate reasonableness proceedings.

The article by Horan examines whether Uber's business model and growth creates broader economic benefits for drivers, consumers, and overall economy. The article concludes that Uber has no ability to earn sustainable profits in a competitive marketplace and that it will continue to reduce economic welfare.

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