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Dear Reader:

The Transportation Law Journal is pleased to present Volume 43 number 2, the first of two issues by the 2016-2017 editorial staff. This edition features an article by James B. Speta, a professor of law at Northwestern University School of Law, a student note by John W. Zipp, a law student at American University Washington College of Law, and two court reports on recent cases affecting transportation law.

The article discusses the disruption of established common carrier regulation by Uber and other ridesharing services. The article explains how ridesharing services change the market structure of transportation services. The article draws on prior deregulatory practice and suggests an exhaustive roadmap for managing the transformation of taxi markets.

The student note suggests that the assignment of liability for accidents caused by autonomous vehicles should not be placed on vehicle owners or manufacturers but on autonomous vehicles as separate business entities. The note maintains that this approach will set forth rights and obligations of autonomous vehicles and provide injured parties with efficient and equitable recovery.

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