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Dear Reader:

Volume 40, Issue 2 features three articles that we at the TLJ believe are insightful and thoroughly worthwhile reads. We sincerely believe that this issue will be a boon to practitioners and a joy to read for those not practicing.

Mr. Majumdar's article focuses on maritime arbitration. The author's premise is that a party to a maritime agreement cannot be required to arbitrate a dispute based on an arbitration agreement which the disputing party has not sanctioned, or even seen. We hope that you find this article insightful and relevant at a time in which arbitration agreements have become increasingly prevalent and under the microscope.

Ms. Hovland's piece on the government's role in the rail industry is a very interesting commentary on the current level of government involvement in the industry. The author believes the current regulatory structure threatens the future health and prosperity of the industry, and suggests a plan of action to, as Ms. Hovland puts it, "get back on track."

Mr. LaRocco and Mr. Radek's article examines the federal government's locomotive engineer program and whether it creates a conflict between the certification appellate scheme and the contractual due process procedures governing engineers. Our hope is that you find this article as thought provoking as we do.

I would like to extend special thanks to my executive board and all our new members that helped bring this issue to publication. We're looking forward to our Spring issue.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Journal as much as we do. Thank you for your patronage!

Best wishes,

Patrick H. Peluso
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