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The Transportation Law Journal is pleased to present Volume 41 number 2, the first of two issues by the 2014-2015 editorial staff. This edition features two articles covering timely and important railroad law and policy topics, one student note on parking, environmental and land use law, and six court reports on recent transportation cases. We believe you will find these works to be engaging and thought provoking.

The first article was co-authored by Jeffrey T. Macher, John W. Mayo, and Lee F. Pinkowitz, professors at Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business. This work explores the concept of revenue adequacy in the context of the Staggers Rail Act, and discusses how revenue adequacy has subtly evolved from an informative, benchmarking tool into a regulatory device. The authors examine the potential consequences of using revenue adequacy as an instrument for policymaking.

The second article was co-authored by Hanna M. Chouest and Matthew J. Warren, attorneys at Sidley Austin LLP, and Paul R. Hitchcock, Associate General Counsel at CSX Transportation, Inc. and adjunct professor at Florida Coastal School of Law. This work examines railroad shipper liability for hazardous materials incidents, and discusses the need for a liability limitation regime that balances the mutual risks and obligations of shippers and railroads.

A student note, authored by Noah M. Kazis, law student at Yale Law School, addresses the problem of parking mandates and environmental review, and proposes next steps for reform.

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Best regards,

Patricia Thwaites
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