

2013 – Journal of Space Law Editorial Announcement¹

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So looking forward, this is the best time and place for me to inform the readership of the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW that with volume 39, number 2, I will assume the title of Editor-in-Chief Emerita. It has been an honor to follow in the role so capably created by the late Stephen Gorove. In the 12 plus years that I have had the privilege to follow in his footsteps, the Journal of Space Law achieved a number of successes. In addition to numerous articles, book reviews, and commentaries published by eminent authors, the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW featured a number of special volumes that published the papers of a number of special symposia and colloquia: *The 1st International Conference on the State of Remote Sensing Law*; *The 2nd International Conference on the State of Remote Sensing Law*; and, *Divergences and Convergences - Space Law and Intellectual Property Regimes*; among others.

I have a number of personal favorite issues. Among them is Volume 37, Number 1. It is dedicated to the historic enactment of Title 51 of the United States Code: *National and Commercial Space Programs*. Title 51 is the positive law codification of all U.S. national space law promulgated since 1958 and it was the first title the U.S. Congress added to the U.S. Code in 83 years. It was the intention of the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW to serve the space law community by making this dedicated issue a complete reference work for Title 51. For this reason, the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW, for the first time, made an entire electronic volume available at the time of its publication at no cost. The Stanford law librarian called Volume 37, Number 1 a “gem.”²

Additionally, the JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW—through collaborations with scholars in various nations—published translations of then newly enacted Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Kazakh, Mexican, and Russian space law,

¹ 39 J. Space L. vi, (2013).

² <http://liblog.law.stanford.edu/tag/journal-of-space-law/>

regulations, and agreements. The JOURNAL OF SPACE LAW also facilitated space law capacity building worldwide when it entered the digital era by making all of its issues available on-line, without charge. It also provided a Cumulative Index and supplemental materials that supported the articles in each issue.

This impressive work product was created by the dedicated and talented faculty and staff of the National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law. They were aided by a multitude of law students who edited, wrote articles and casenotes, and provided research assistance. There are far too many names from more than 12 years of mastheads to list here. However, I warmly thank and acknowledge each and every one of them for their contribution. It's been a great ride.

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