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INTRODUCTION

In March 2002, the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of Law recognized NC JOLT as an official school publication. We appreciate their acknowledgement of our efforts.

We focus our efforts for this issue on intellectual property and the Internet as a companion work to our fall issue considering security topics. We challenge future volumes of NC JOLT to remain vigilant on expanding the definition of technology law as technology surges into so many aspects of our lives.

Mr. Remington provides an authoritative consideration of the changes in copyright law, in light of his experience as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the United Nations. Mr. Pate shares his thoughts on the right to use patented processes in experimentation against the claims of infringement and public use.

Our students addressed a variety of topics. Internet fan sites present a quandary of keeping your clientele happy versus protecting your intellectual property, and Ms. Moore discloses that protecting your copyright vigorously can have quite a negative effect on your financial bottom line. Is court the best solution for challenging patents? Ms. Parker examines the feasibility of the patent reexamination process. Ms. Xenakis has considered the Child Online Protection Act in light of federalism and the realities of Internet use. Ms. Dobbins looks at the use of the Internet by attorneys and medical professionals. To wrap up this issue, Ms. Rice examines the current legislative efforts to control SPAM.

