

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S PAGE

The Energy Law Journal lost a dear friend last December, and the Energy Bar Association lost one of its most cherished members—Bob Nordhaus.

In the last few months, I heard former FERC Chairman Charles Curtis, former FERC General Counsel Susan Tomasky, and others eulogize Bob at a touching memorial service on Capitol Hill. I was moved by Charley's profound remarks at the Annual Meeting when Bob was presented posthumously with the EBA President's Award.

My mind keeps drifting to my interactions with Bob over the years. When I joined FERC in 1979, Bob was the General Counsel. He was brilliant, and a great leader. Over the years, Bob also was one of the Energy Law Journal's most prolific authors. I had the deep pleasure of working with him on three articles over the last decade.

Bob had a legal mind of the highest order. His articles were a fascinating blend of scholarship, wisdom, and practical advice. That combination is the gold standard for our articles.

Bob was a disciplined, focused writer with a dry wit. For example, in an article on Modernizing the Clean Air Act in 2012, he wrote "The Clean Air Act has some of the characteristics of Scripture—chapters are added but none are ever deleted."

Bob eschewed flashy titles in his articles and resisted my entreaties to develop catchier titles. Before we even had "the conversation," on what turned out to be his last article for the Journal, he sent me a draft titled "The Hazy Bright Line." The piece was a thoughtful and incisive discussion of the regulation of today's electric grid. In one phrase, Bob distilled the challenging federal and state jurisdictional issues under the Federal Power Act.

And although he wasn't an articles editor, Bob graciously provided his insightful perspective on draft articles when we needed to make difficult determinations on whether articles were "on the mark" and of publishable quality.

We thank Bob for his contributions to the Energy Law Journal, and look forward to the next generation of authors who will help the Journal remain a preeminent publication.

Respectfully,

Bob Fleishman