

Editor's note

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As I write this Editor's Note, record low temperatures have raised the specter of load shedding in New England. The Aug. 14, 2003 blackout in the Northeast was painful, but one shivers (literally and figuratively) at the consequences of a blackout in the winter. This issue features a compendium of the resources now available on the August blackout, with Web site references.

The article on identity theft discusses a new California statute requiring that security breaches be disclosed. While this sounds great in theory, this article suggests that it could have the effect of hindering law enforcement

agencies from stopping the hackers.

We are also providing in this issue a direct sampling of Section committee reports: the Cable Television Committee's discussion of digital television, as included in the committee's Fall 2003 Report. The full committee report, along with the reports of other Section committees, is available electronically at <http://www.abanet.org/pubutil/>. If you can't find your ABA number or have forgotten your ABA password, you can communicate directly with the ABA through that Web address.

Finally, as many of you know, the Section has added two new committees – Infrastructure Security and Corporate Governance. The chairman of the Infrastructure Security Committee describes in this issue the committee's recent activities. In the next issue, we will feature the Corporate Governance Committee.