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A NOTE OF THANKS

ALFRED C. YEN*

On October 18–19, 2002, Boston College Law School hosted a most informative and enjoyable two day conference entitled “Intellectual Property, E-Commerce, and the Internet.” At the conference, nine distinguished new scholars assembled to share their ideas about the relationship between the Internet and law, and the *Boston College Law Review* kindly agreed to publish their papers in this symposium issue. I think it safe to say that the conference was a great success. As the reader will see, the Articles published here significantly advance our understanding of the doctrines and theories that drive the application of law to the Internet.

Another major factor in the conference’s success was the participation of nine prominent law professors and practicing lawyers. Each of these individuals graciously agreed to read one of the principal papers and offer comments on it. Unfortunately, commentators are not listed as publishers of papers, so it is appropriate to recognize them here for their valuable contributions to the conference and the symposium:

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It is my sincere hope that those who read this symposium issue of the *Boston College Law Review* will find these Articles exciting and stimulating. The Internet is a powerful social phenomenon that challenges legal institutions and even our very conception of law. The Boston College Law School Symposium on Intellectual Property, E-Commerce, and the Internet and the resulting Articles published in this issue play an important role in helping society meet that challenge.