NOTES ON PTC PROGRESS

PTC Director

On July 1st, 1976, Professor Joseph F. Vittek, Jr. became the Director of the PTC Research Foundation. As a Professor of Law at the Franklin Pierce Law Center, he will teach courses in Law and Technology and Administrative Law. As Director of the PTC, he will coordinate and expand its research program. By holding both positions, he will bring together the academic interests and the real world problems to add a new dimension to PTC research.

Professor Vittek was formerly on the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he will continue to lecture on Technology and Law. While at M.I.T., Professor Vittek organized several national conferences on technical policy issues and will apply that experience to upcoming PTC programs.

He holds a B.S. from M.I.T. and law degrees from Suffolk and Harvard and has held key technical and administrative positions in industry and research laboratories.

We welcome Professor Vittek to the PTC and look forward to a period of new growth and prosperity under his direction.

PTC Western Office

H. Damon Swanson, the Acting Director of the PTC for the past two years, has graduated from the Law Center and returned to his home state of Colorado. We have taken advantage of his move to establish a PTC Western office in the Denver area.

As manager of the Western office, Dr. Swanson will assist in research activities and strengthen the lines of communication between the PTC and its West Coast members. He will also serve as a contributing editor to IDEA which has grown in both quality and circulation during his term as Editor.

We take this opportunity to thank Dr. Swanson for his leadership over the past two years and to wish him good luck in his new activities.

New Faculty

In addition to Professor Vittek, Professor Michael S. Baram also has joined the law/science faculty of the Law Center. He will be teaching Environmental Law and Law and Social Control of Science and Technology.

Professor Baram is also an Associate Professor in Civil Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a member of the Boston University School of Law Special Faculty, and engaged in law practice focused on environmental and other regulatory matters. He is a consultant to the Brookhaven National Laboratory and to the World Health Organization. Currently, he serves on several committees of the American Bar Association, including Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Law—General Practice Section, and member of the Governing Council—Section on Science, Technology and Law. He has chaired the Committee on Technology Assessment. Concurrently, he is a member of two committees of the National Academy of Sciences and advisor to a third. Professor Baram is involved in research in mineral resources, energy facilities citing, and government regulation of health hazards. The author of numerous articles, Professor Baram's most recent book, Environmental Siting of Facilities: *Issues in Land Use and Coastal Zone Management,* was published in April, 1976. Professor Baram will be playing an active role in matters of Law and Technology in the PTC.

New Directions

Notice our new name? Starting with this issue, IDEA will also be known as The Journal of Law and Technology. This is in keeping with the ever-expanded scope of the PTC.

With the addition of Professor Vittek and Professor Baram to the Law Center faculty, we now have the capability of exploring broader issues of government and legal controls over innovation, property, technology and commerce as well as dealing with our traditional concerns of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law. This expansion is also reflected in the Fall Arbitration Conference, described in this issue. We hope this change will encourage our readers and members to submit articles on all aspects of government and legal intervention and control of private enterprise and the resulting impact of innovation. This is your chance to discuss new aspects of the legal/technical interface and we look forward to your responses.

Announcement of Fall Arbitration Conference

On November 29th and 30th, the PTC is planning to host a conference in Boston exploring expedited resolution of disputes having highly technical factual issues by arbitration.

The program includes the following speakers:

Honorable Donald R. Moore
Administrative Law Judge (Retired)
Federal Trade Commission
Washington, DC

Honorable Maurice P. Bois
Associate Justice,
New Hampshire Supreme Court
Concord, NH

James A. Curley, Esquire
Assistant Chief, Patent Section
Antitrust Division
Department of Justice
Washington, DC

Robert H. Rines, Esquire
Rines & Rines, Boston, MA
Dean, Franklin Pierce Law Center

Alan A. Ransom, Esquire
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Ronald A. May, Esquire
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings
Little Rock, Arkansas

Richard M. Reilly
Regional Director, AAA
Boston, MA

A. Lane McGovern, Esquire
Ropes & Gray
Boston, MA

Harry Goldsmith, Esquire
Upper Montclair, N.J.

Cameron K. Wehringer, Esquire
Wehringer & Kojima
New York, N.Y.

James B. Gambrell, Esquire, Professor of Law
University of Houston College of Law
Partner, Pravel, Wilson & Gambrell

Theodore L. Bowes, Esquire
Intellectual Property Owners, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

Albert B. Kimball, Jr., Esquire
Partner, Pravel, Wilson & Gambrell
Houston, Texas

Edward F. McKie, Jr., Esquire
Schuyler, Birch, Swindler, McKie & Beckett
Washington, D.C.

Gerald Aksen, Esquire
General Counsel, AAA
New York, N.Y.

Dr. Pauline Newman, Esquire
FMC Corporation
Philadelphia, PA

Edward J. Brenner, Esquire
Arlington, VA

Because of the relative novelty of the subject matter, we are making an early announcement in order to be able to assess demand and secure adequate facilities. Also, the time and location of the conference will provide some opportunity to take advantage of the attractions in Boston in the Bicentennial year. Some lead time will also be necessary to meet any such interest on the part of registrants.

Subscribers to IDEA will receive advance registration materials. In the event you would like additional copies, or further information please write to Professor Thomas G. Field, Jr., at the Franklin Pierce Law Center, 6 White Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.