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**The leader of the Firm's
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Foreword

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Thankfully, 2009 is behind us and 2010 is well underway!

As part of our commitment to developing innovative services for our clients, Gowlings is pleased to present the second edition of our Technology Law Issues Handbook. The articles this year tackle some of the issues companies must face moving forward.

Inside you will find tips on what to look for when dealing with consultants and contractors, how to take advantage of the IPO window on the TSX, “software as a service” licensing trends, agreements debtors must consider when trying to restructure, and how to uncover your potential patent riches. With the popularity of social networking and blogging, we highlight areas that employers need to consider. We also review the implications of Ontario’s *Green Energy Act* on businesses in the renewables space.

Gowlings’ integrated Technology Group provides client-focused legal counsel to Canada’s technology industry. We help technology professionals, business executives and the investment community make fact-based decisions on technology investments and strategies.

We hope you will find the articles useful to your business in the year ahead!