

Jacob Lewis Selected to Receive 2020 FCBA Excellence in Government Service Award

Jacob Lewis has been selected to receive the FCBA's 13th annual award for outstanding government service. The award was first given in 2008 to recognize individuals with long-term careers in federal government in the communications field who are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in public service.



Jacob Lewis

Jacob M. Lewis is currently the Chief of the Litigation Division in the Federal Communications Commission's Office of General Counsel.

Born in New York City, he received his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University. After a year-long clerkship for United States District Judge Milton Pollack in the Southern District of New York (Manhattan), he practiced for five years in the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm O'Melveny & Myers.

Mr. Lewis started his government law career in 1987 at the U.S. Department of Justice, as

a member of the Civil Division's Appellate Staff. He spent nearly fifteen years there, first as a line attorney and then as Appellate Litigation Counsel. During that time, he litigated dozens of cases in federal (and state) courts of appeals involving a wide range of federal statutory and constitutional issues. These included a number of communications law issues, including First Amendment challenges to broadcast and cable indecency regulation, to laws prohibiting unlicensed (pirate) broadcasting, and cases involving bankruptcies arising out of the FCC's C-Block spectrum auction. (One of the first matters Mr. Lewis handled as a Justice Department attorney involved a challenge to the Commission's rules against indecent pre-recorded telephone messages, which eventually resulted in the Supreme Court's decision in *Sable Communications of Calif., Inc. v. FCC*, 492 U.S. 115 (1989)).

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Spring Keynote with Commissioner Carr on May 11

We were looking forward this year to Commissioner Carr delivering the keynote at our June Annual Luncheon, but because of ongoing disruptions from COVID-19 it looks like we'll have to switch that event to a virtual format.

Happily, the Commissioner has agreed to give an online Spring Keynote to FCBA members. Join FCBA President Josh Turner on **Monday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m.** as he interviews Commissioner Carr about his



Brendan Carr

priorities for 2020 and beyond. How has the pandemic impacted the communications playing field? And what are the through-lines that remain as important as ever?

Please register in advance for this Zoom webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012020000>

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Upcoming Key Events

State and Local Committee CLE

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 5, 12:00 – 2:10 p.m.

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Topic: Small Cells, Big Impact

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PRESIDENT'S *Message*

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

In January, I remember getting news that the spa at the Boar's Head had burned down and thinking "man, that's really going to mess up the Annual Seminar." Well, the good news is that I was wrong about that. The bad news...



Welcome to May, everyone, and while there is no shortage of bad news, I want to take this time to focus on some of the positive things happening around the FCBA. We're sad that we didn't get to see you all in Charlottesville, but I've been incredibly impressed with how well our members and staff have handled the pivot to online programming. We've done a number of CLEs and brown bags virtually now, and the content has been excellent, the format slick and easy to use, and the programming popular—indeed, attendance numbers for our virtual CLEs have been as good or better than we'd expect for in-person events. We're planning to finish the year strong with a number of additional CLEs, so keep an eye on the FCBA web page and your email for more details on those.

We're also looking forward to our Spring Keynote on May 11, a virtual event with Commissioner Brendan Carr. Commissioner Carr has been a long-standing supporter of the FCBA, and we were excited to have him speak at our 2020 Annual Lunch. Although we'll have to forego the in-person lunch this year, we're excited that the Commissioner is able to join us even sooner for a live, virtual event where he and I will chat about his priorities for 2020 and beyond.

Speaking of the future, voting is now open for your next slate of FCBA and Foundation officeholders. Check your email for a ballot from Kerry; as always, we have a fantastic group of candidates, all of whom are well-positioned to carry the FCBA forward.

On that front, I want to highlight an initiative that President-Elect Natalie Roisman and I have been working on. As you'll see elsewhere in the newsletter, because it takes literally months to plan and requires making firm commitment decisions now, we've made the difficult decision that we won't try and do the traditional Chairman's Dinner in December—there is just too much uncertainty about whether it will be possible to safely hold a 1,700 person indoor event at that point. But we don't see that as the end of the story, because there are countless ways that we can continue to get together (live or online) and continue the work of the FCBA. To leverage the creativity of our members, we're putting together an Events Planning committee that will design new events and formats to work within the evolving new realities. We hope to have some exciting programming on that front to announce in the near future.

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Tuesday, May 5, 12:00 – 2:10 p.m. Small Cells, Big Impact

The FCBA **State and Local Practice Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday, May 5 from 12:00 – 2:10 p.m.** entitled “Small Cells, Big Impact.” This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Small Cells are making a big impact not just in the marketplace but in the nation’s laws at the federal, state and local levels. This CLE will examine the laws and practical challenges facing operators as well as state and local governments. The first panel will focus on the FCC’s 2018 Small Cell Orders and feature counsel for each of the parties that appeared before the Ninth Circuit on February 9, 2020 in the local government’s appeal of the FCC’s Orders. The second panel will examine the numerous state and local small cell laws that have been enacted and how those laws and the Small Cell Orders have been reflected in state

and local ordinances, applications and franchise agreements.

[Click here to register.](#)

If you have any issues, please contact Elizabeth Hagerty at elizabeth@fcba.org.

Agenda

12:00 – 12:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Glenn Richards, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and Co-Chair, State and Local Practice Committee

12:05 – 1:05 p.m.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS FROM THE NINTH CIRCUIT PARTICIPANTS

Moderator:

Andy Klein, Managing Attorney, Klein Law Group, PLLC and Co-Chair, State and Local Practice Committee

Speakers:

Joe Van Eaton, Partner, Best Best & Krieger, LLP

Josh Turner, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

1:05 – 1:10 p.m.

BREAK

1:10 – 2:10 p.m.

REVIEW OF STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, IMPLEMENTATION, AND INDUSTRY REACTION

Moderators:

Gerard Lederer, Partner, Best Best & Krieger, LLP and Co-Chair, State and Local Practice Committee

Bryan N. Tramont, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Speakers:

Abbie Gruwell, Senior Policy Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Angelina Panettieri, Legislative Manager, National League of Cities

Anthony Lehv, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, ExteNet Systems

John A. Howes, Jr., Government Affairs Counsel, WIA – the Wireless Infrastructure Association

Important Update on the 2020 Chairman’s Dinner

We know that our members and supporters look forward to the FCBA Chairman’s Dinner every year, and we are deeply grateful for the continued support of this event by FCC Chairman Pai and his fellow Commissioners. Now in its 34th year, the Dinner represents an important opportunity for the bar to come together to celebrate our profession and support the FCBA Foundation.

Planning the Chairman’s Dinner is a months-long endeavor that generally begins about now. Given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, the Executive Committee of the FCBA has made the difficult decision that we simply cannot commit to holding our typical in-person dinner this December.

We of course do not know how things will unfold over the next few months or what kinds of restrictions and precautions may remain in place in December, but it seems possible--and perhaps even likely--that a seated indoor event for more than 1,600 guests may still be either prohibited or unwise at that time.

While we are disappointed, the safety of our members and guests is our top priority, and the last thing we want to do is plan a dinner that has to be canceled in the fall (at significant potential expense and inconvenience for all of the attendees). We realize that this may affect planning for other meetings or events that otherwise would coincide

with the Chairman’s Dinner, and we wanted to get the word out as soon as we could.

And although we aren’t going to be able to hold the traditional event in December, we’re confident that we *will* be able to do other events throughout the year—including events that will honor the FCC Chair. The FCBA has formed an Ad Hoc events committee to develop ideas for gatherings and activities we can enjoy together safely, and we welcome your input as well. Please stay tuned for news regarding these alternative programs and events, and stay well.

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Mass Media Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

NOTE: This event will be off the record.

Date/Time: Thursday, May 7, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Political Advertising Update

Speakers: Robert Baker, Assistant Division Chief, Policy Division, Media Bureau, FCC; Gary Schonman, Special Counsel, Media Bureau, FCC; Sima Nilsson, Attorney-Advisor,

Media Bureau, FCC; Katherine Bolger, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Lead Facilitator: Jack N. Goodman, Owner, Law Offices of Jack N. Goodman

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

State and Local Committee

Event: CLE Webinar

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 5, 12:00 – 2:10 p.m.

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Small Cells, Big Impact

For more information: See [page 3](#).

To register: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#). If you have any issues, please contact Elizabeth Hagerty at elizabeth@fcba.org.

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Hope to see you online soon. In the meantime, if you're getting cabin fever, here's a pro tip—try rotating your computer to face the other direction for a few days. It's like you're in an entirely different place!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your questions, comments, and recommendations at: jturner@wileyrein.com or 202-719-4807.

Josh Turner
FCBA President

To Update Your Membership Contact Information

We'd like to remind everyone that if you have any changes to your membership contact information, please contact Elizabeth Hagerty (elizabeth@fcba.org). In order to keep a cohesive look to both our online and hard copy directories, we do not allow members to make any changes to their information themselves. Also note that we do not include prefixes or titles in any of our member listings.

FOUNDATION *News*

24th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament – POSTPONED

We've decided to postpone the 24th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament previously scheduled for June 2, 2020 due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation. We are working with Whiskey Creek Golf Club to return there in 2021. We'll keep

you updated! Please let us know if you have questions.

Typically, the proceeds from the Tournament go straight to the FCBA Foundation to support its wonderful programs, including the Scholarship programs and the Summer Legal Internship Stipend program. Over the years, the Tournament has raised more than \$400,000 for the FCBA Foundation charities. **If you are still interested in supporting the Foundation, please [click here](#).**

2020 FCBA Election Voting Closes June 4!

Voting for the 2020 FCBA election will close at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020. The online voting process is both simple and quick, allows you to review your vote before clicking on the green SUBMIT button to cast your ballot, and gives you a receipt confirming that your vote was cast. The ballot has a photo of each candidate as well as a hotlink that will take you to their FCBA biographical information.

On May 4, all members eligible to vote in the election (as stipulated in Article III of the FCBA Constitution, only members in good standing of any mandatory Bar or otherwise licensed to practice law by the relevant licensing authority) received an email from FCBA Executive Director Kerry Loughney with their username, password, and the hotlink needed to access the election voting website. Please note that the voting does not happen on the FCBA website.

The election winners will be announced at the FCBA Annual Meeting, will be listed on the FCBA website following the Annual Meeting, and will be announced in the July FCBA newsletter.

If you did not receive the email with your username and password, have problems with your username, password, or gaining access to the ballot, please contact Kerry Loughney at kerry@fcba.org.

Please take time to support the candidates by voting in the election.

Kathleen O'Brien Ham

By: Laura Phillips

As we go into a second month of “working from home,” I am *not* prepared to abandon my monthly avocation to report on people in our bar who have interesting careers and perspectives to share. I was fortunate to catch a little time on a Friday afternoon to do a videoconference visit with FCBA member Kathleen O'Brien Ham who is Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for T-Mobile. She's been operating in a senior management role at T-Mobile overseeing state and federal policy for over 16 years and she expressed understandable enthusiasm and relief for the fact that the company has finally closed its long pending acquisition of Sprint Corporation. We shared a couple of laughs about the weirdness of working from home and actually working more than when in the office, as well as the superpowers of working mothers and grandmothers, and reminisced about some of the folks who we both knew back in the early 1990s both at the FCC and beyond in the communications bar.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: My undergraduate degree was in journalism and initially, I followed through on that, thinking I would be a reporter. I had a summer job at Newsday as well as a stint as a reporter in Colorado, even while my parents were pushing me to become a lawyer. The path towards law probably started once I had the opportunity to intern on Capitol Hill for then New York Senator Al D'Amato. It was an amazing learning experience but looking back, I can't believe I was able to survive on such a small amount of money!

After working on Capitol Hill, I decided to go to law school at Catholic University of America because of their well-known communications law program which I thought would marry up my interest in journalism with law and policy. Then, when I graduated from law school, I joined the law firm of Akin Gump. Not long after, the firm announced its communications practice was dissolving. So very suddenly there was no communications group, but fortunately the labor lawyers at the firm threw me a lifeline and started giving me work. I worked on a range of labor cases with several interesting clients like Continental and Eastern Airlines and the NFL.

Q: So, how did things progress from there?

A: Over time, I started to like the labor cases I was handling and began to think I would become a labor lawyer. Then a friend who worked at the FCC ran into me one day on the street in DC. That person really encouraged me to think about going to work at the Commission. They encouraged me to talk Charlie Schott, who was FCC Chief of Staff at that time, and remarkably, I did. And I believe even though there was some sort of hiring freeze, Charlie was able to help me with a position in the Mass Media Bureau's Policy Division. So, running into a friend on the street one day truly started me on a path where I never looked back!

I was doing broadcast work for a couple of years and enjoyed it, but then had a chance to advance by moving to what was

then the Private Radio Bureau. I recall that one of the folks interviewing me was Roz Allen, and my interview with her underscored for me an important career point. She said the Bureau was interested in me because “people say good things about you.” Reputation is a critical thing, and it probably helped me land the job.

Looking back, I was exactly where I needed to be because in 1993 the Balanced Budget Act passed, and it provided the FCC with the authority to auction spectrum for the first time. Back then, there was no Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; but there was commercial wireless that was managed out of the then Common Carrier Bureau and private wireless managed out of the Private Radio Bureau. As part of the many changes flowing from the new law, these Bureaus were brought together, and the decision was made to roll the spectrum auction program into the new Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. I was put in charge of running this new program and I had no staff, but managed along the way to secure staff from other bureaus, and I was off to the races.

The Bureau Chiefs I reported to first were Gina Keeney and then Michele Farquhar. And Gerry Vaughn was my immediate boss and the Deputy Bureau Chief. Gerry was the salt of the Earth and always very supportive. There are a couple of times in the course of designing and implementing the auctions that were extremely stressful and I almost left, but Gerry and others were able to reel me back in. Over time, I was promoted to Deputy Bureau Chief. About then, Tom Sugrue came in as the

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KATHLEEN O'BRIEN HAM

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new Wireless Bureau Chief. Tom became a great mentor to me. He eventually went to work for T-Mobile as head of government affairs. I recall we had many lunches in which he tried to recruit me to come over to T-Mobile. I was in no mood to be persuaded initially. I had SES status and I thought I would retire from the federal government and at that point I was 14 years in.

That was 16 years ago. Obviously, Tom prevailed, and I came to T-Mobile and have continued to grow and develop. A lot has changed in 16 years. For example, when I came, we were looking for 3G spectrum that required us to clear government users like DOD and DHS. Over the years, I continued to learn from Tom as he has always had great policy and people instincts. From day one he promoted me within the company, first as a director, then as a vice president -- which eventually enabled me to assume the role that I have now.

Q: Have things unfolded in your career the way you planned?

A: As much as I would like to say that I had a plan, if someone had told me 40 years ago I would be a communications

lawyer, I probably would have laughed. In terms of career experiences, I always say my job standing up and running the first FCC spectrum auctions program was both incredibly stressful and high profile but very professionally rewarding. I think because I had some political experience and was media savvy, those were useful things that helped me navigate some of the shoals a bit more successfully. And, as a relatively young lawyer, I got to do critical work that provided tremendous experience.

Looking back, I am both proud of the work and grateful the FCC at that time encouraged and allowed women to be in charge, and to show their talents and skills. I was at the FCC at a fortuitous time.

Q: What is one of the most interesting and challenging things you've done in your current position?

A: Running the FCC's first spectrum auction and standing up the whole program was a key formative experience in my career. In terms of a more recent experience, I would have to say the last two years, while we were working on our merger with Sprint, has been a surreal mixture of heaven and hell in terms of confronting and dealing with issues and having to be prepared and flexible. It's been a roller-coaster ride full of twists and turns as probably everyone knows.

Now that we are past the uncertainty, I want to give a shout out to the T-Mobile team as well as the Sprint team for a fabulous accomplishment. For the folks at Sprint, believe me, T-Mobile can relate to the feelings -- we know what it feels like to be in limbo or about to be acquired -- we felt it back in the day when we were going to be acquired by AT&T. But I'm excited to get going because there's lots of talent on the Sprint side and there's a lot of strong DNA connections that we share already that will be helpful as we work to integrate. The New T-Mobile will be a powerful force for competition in the marketplace -- just watch!

Q: Is there someone who surprised or impressed you during your career and why?

A: As I mentioned already, Tom Sugrue was an amazing mentor to me, but there've been lots of amazing people over the years within T-Mobile who have really impressed me, both men and women. Dave Miller, T-Mobile's General Counsel, is my boss and he is extremely supportive as is the leadership of T-Mobile, now Mike Sievert and before him John Legere. The phenomenal Neville Ray, our President of Technology, and our corporate communications leads are also amazing people. I've been particularly impressed by what T-Mobile was able to do after the failed merger with AT&T. As a company, we really rose from the ashes of that deal. A lot of that had to do with the people inside the company that are committed to our customers and our success.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: I am a fan of biographies. Anything by Walter Isaacson is great. I also enjoyed Ron Chernow's Alexander Hamilton. These books are well written and meaty reads. I love history and it is fascinating to look back and learn from great people and leaders.

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KATHLEEN O'BRIEN HAM

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Q: Can you share perspective on pitfalls to avoid or other career advice for those who are just getting started in the communications field?

A: First off, I'd say if you can, try to work at the FCC sometime early in your career. It is a great way to get started in communications law. I also would say be flexible. If I hadn't been, I wouldn't have taken on some of the roles I did in the federal government and I wouldn't be where I am today. Another important tip is to be flexible about the work you tackle. Don't frame your scope narrowly and say, "I'm just going to do this and not anything else." That's not a great way to grow and develop.

I also think you can learn a lot from different bosses and their perspectives and there is nothing wrong with moving on when you are ready to do something new. I confess I always have a moment when someone I work with comes in and shuts the door to talk to me. Part of me thinks they're going to tell me they're leaving and part of me is sad, but nine and a half times out of ten it's to share a

perspective on a policy issue impacting the company or to discuss a potential way forward on a business matter. The point is, we learn from everyone around us, including our team members, and you have to have your door open in order to find the best path forward.

Q: What's something interesting about you that people are not generally aware of that you are willing to share?

A: Well, I play the piano but not very well. We have a baby grand piano in my living room that was my mother's. There was a little note in the piano bench that we found when she passed away saying, "this piano is Kathy's." When I play, I try and play classical music and my husband plays the guitar so, I have some encouragement at home to be a little musical.

On the home front now, during the time of coronavirus, I love to cook and there is a bit more time for that. But it can be challenging when the home office is in Bellevue, Washington which is three hours behind DC. It can make dinnertime complicated. I'm also the grandmother of three very young kids – two of them local – which is also fun.

Q: How long have you been an FCBA member and what to you is the value of FCBA membership?

A: I've been an FCBA member for about as long as I've been active in communications law; at least since 1990. So, I have to say as a long-standing member, I've been to every single Chairman's Dinner with the rare exception of this past year. I'm a big supporter of the things the FCBA does, both social gatherings as well as the Annual Seminar, which I'm sorry can't be held this year due to the pandemic. I've always encouraged people on my teams at T-Mobile to be active in the FCBA, even serving on FCBA committees. It's a great forum for younger lawyers to interact and network with more experienced people.

Interested in learning more about another FCBA member? If there is a member you'd like to know better, please contact Laura Phillips at laura.phillips@faegredrinker.com.

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Henry Geller (1924-2020)

Henry Geller, former FCC General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Commerce died April 7 at home in Washington at the age of 96.

Born on February 14, 1924 in Springfield, Massachusetts, Geller graduated in 1943 from the University of Michigan, at age 19, on an accelerated wartime schedule, then served in the Army in the Pacific during World War II, including in the occupation force in Japan at War's end. In 1949, he graduated second in his class from Northwestern University Law School and went to work at the FCC. In the 1950's he also worked at the National Labor Relations Board and the Appellate Section of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

Geller served as Deputy General Counsel to Newton Minow, and General Counsel under Chairmen E. William Henry and Rosel Hyde. When Richard Nixon won

the White House, Republican Chairman, Dean Burch made him special assistant to the Chairman.

Geller had an extraordinary grasp of communications law, seeming to have the entire FCC Reports committed to memory. On many occasions, he would show up for work with a few sheets ripped from a legal pad, stating he had 'scribbled out some ideas last night while watching television.' The crumpled sheets typically turned out to be a well-drafted document, complete with FCC Reports citations down to the page number, ready for the printer. Dean Burch called his knowledge of communications law "almost encyclopedic, almost scary."

Geller was instrumental in getting presidential debates routinely carried on television as within the equal opportunities exemption for on-the-spot coverage of news events. He led the fight that required anti-cigarette commercials to warn of the hazards of smoking, a development that led to the removal of cigarette ads from radio and television.

He was instrumental in the adoption of children's television standards; shaped the Fairness Doctrine; and drafted rules to bar employment discrimination on the basis of race in broadcasting. He worked on the policy to establish the international communications satellite service and the order subjecting AT&T to its first ever, on-the-record, rate hearing.

Awards he received over the years included, in 1970, the Career Civil Service Award (often referred to as the "Government Nobel Prize") along with astronaut, Neil Armstrong; the Susan G. Hadden Pioneer Award, presented by The Alliance for Public Technology for Pioneering Efforts in Telecommunications and Consumer Access, in 1996; and a Special Tribute in Recognition of His Vision And Dedication To The Field Of Communications, by the FCBA in 1998.

Always humble and unassuming, Geller said that he won the heart of Judy Foelak, his wife of 64 years, because, of all the young FCC lawyers wanting to date her, she chose him because he was the one with a new green convertible.

For all his brilliance, an FCBA member who knew him well, Gregg Skall, recalled Geller's willingness to treat *everyone* with respect and dignity.

Geller is survived by Judy; two children, Peter Geller and Kathryn Edwards; and a grandson, Erik Edwards.

Media Bureau Announces Procedures for 2020-2023 Television License Renewal Cycle

The FCC's Media Bureau has announced license renewal filing procedures for all classes of television stations, the availability of the Commission's revised license renewal form (Form 2100, Schedule 303-S), and provides other general information on the 2020-2023 television license renewal cycle. See Public Notice, DA-20-429 and visit the following websites:

- Media Bureau LMS Help Center: <https://www.fcc.gov/media/radio/lms-help-center>
- Video Division License Renewals Reference Page: <https://www.fcc.gov/media/television/broadcast-television-license-renewal>

Filers who have questions regarding basic filing requirements or who need assistance logging into LMS or accessing Form 2100, Schedule 303-S or Schedule 396 should contact the Commission at (877) 480-3201 (Option 2), Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm ET, or submit a request online at <https://fccprod.service-now.com/auls?id=esupport>. For additional information on the license renewal process, please contact the Video Division at VideoRenewals@fcc.gov, David Roberts, David.Roberts@fcc.gov, (202) 418-1618, or Tyler.Bridegan@fcc.gov, (202) 418-1087, of the Media Bureau, Video Division.

Committee and Chapter Sign-Up

If you would like to sign up for or update the committee(s)/chapter(s) you are on, fill out the form on [page 11](#) of this newsletter or [click here](#) and send it back to the FCBA, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036, fax: 202-293-4317, or email: elizabeth@fcba.org.

In 2003, Mr. Lewis moved to the FCC as an Associate General Counsel and Counselor to then-General Counsel John Rogovin, where he continued to brief and argue (and oversee the briefing and argument of) numerous cases in the federal courts of appeals in defense of FCC orders. One of the first matters Mr. Lewis briefed and argued for the Commission when he joined the General Counsel's office was *Prometheus Radio Project's* challenge to the FCC's media ownership rules. *Prometheus Radio Project v. FCC*, 373 F3d 372 (3d Cir. 2004). The fourth

iteration of that long-running lawsuit continues to this day. *Prometheus Radio Project v. FCC*, 939 F3d 567 (3d Cir. 2019) (*Prometheus IV*), petition for cert. filed (April 17, 2020). Other notable matters in which Mr. Lewis has been involved for the Commission include litigation over the Commission's do-not-call list rules, the broadcast incentive auction, lawsuits involving the Restoring Internet Freedom and Open Internet orders, and issues involving the Telecommunications Relay Service and under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

In 2011, Mr. Lewis became Chief of the Litigation Division, succeeding Daniel M. ("Mack") Armstrong, who had presided

over the Division for more than 35 years. As Chief of the Division, Mr. Lewis oversees the work of a dozen appellate and trial attorneys who advise the Commission on litigation matters and handle the court cases in which the Commission is a party or in which its interests are involved. He lives in Bethesda, MD with his wife of 35 years, Lorraine. He has a daughter, Emma, a lawyer in Washington, DC, a son, Benjamin, who is clerking for a federal court of appeals judge, and a nephew, Alex, who is a senior in college.

The FCLJ is Looking for Articles

The *Federal Communications Law Journal* (FCLJ) editorial board at The George Washington University Law School is seeking article submissions for potential publication in the upcoming issues of the FCLJ. Interested members may submit articles to the Senior Articles Editor, Kyle Gutierrez (fcljarticles@law.gwu.edu). Articles may also be submitted through ExpressO or Scholastica. For general inquiries about the FCLJ, please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Tawanna Lee (fclj@law.gwu.edu).

Join the FCBA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

Did you know that FCBA has a Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram accounts? The FCBA Social Media Committee invites you to "Like" and "Follow" our pages today to be in the loop for upcoming events, share fun pictures of your FCBA friends and colleagues, and grow your social media network! Come join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@FCBALaw) and -- newly launched -- [Instagram](#) (@fcbalaw).

The Federal Communications Law Journal

The *Federal Communications Law Journal* has long been an important source of legal scholarship on communications issues, and the FCBA is proud to offer the journal as a benefit to our members.

FCBA members may now decide how they would like to receive the journal. The *FCLJ* itself will continue to be published in hard copy, however, rather than receiving hard copies as a default, we'll be distributing electronic links to the content.

For those of you who would like to receive the *FCLJ* electronically, you don't have to do anything. We will email you a link when a new issue is published. You may also visit <http://www.fclj.org/volumes/> to view archived volumes.

For those of you who would like to receive the *FCLJ* in hard copy format, you should sign up for this option by following the instructions below. You must log in to your membership account and select the *FCLJ* subscription. Note that the hard copy journal is free, but it must be ordered through our website.

- To log in to your account, [click here](#) or go to www.fcba.org and click the **Log In** button.
- Click on the link to the "Online Store" on the left side of the page.
- Click on the link to the "Federal Communications Law Journal Annual Subscription". You may also type the word Journal into the Search Bar, if needed.
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- Click on "Purchase Now", and you're done!

Note that we will also send out an email reminder to members about the opt-in process before each issue is published.

If you have any questions, please send an email to Elizabeth Hagerty (elizabeth@fcba.org).

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The FCBA membership list also is available at a cost to FCBA members of \$400.00 for the first order and \$700 for each additional order (per calendar year), and \$700.00 for non-members per order. Please call the FCBA office, (202) 293-4000, for further details.

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Descriptions of the focus and work of Standing Committees may be found in the Constitution and By-laws in the FCBA Directory and on the FCBA website.

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NOTE: Most announcements of committee and chapter meetings and events will appear in the FCBA Newsletter and/or on the FCBA's website at www.fcba.org.

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Government Relations Counsel – The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, the world's oldest and largest association of public safety communications officials, seeks an attorney for its Government Relations Office located in Alexandria, VA. APCO is a well-respected, member driven association having approximately 35,000 members that promotes the best interests of 9-1-1 professionals and others involved with emergency communications. The Government Relations Office works with public safety officials, federal agencies, the Administration, Congress, and other stakeholders to advocate on a variety of public safety communications issues, including

spectrum policy, advancements in 9-1-1 capabilities, emergency alerts, and emergency response technology.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in communications law, technology, and policy, while contributing to the betterment of emergency response capabilities.

The Government Relations Office is a highly congenial and collaborative environment offering numerous opportunities for professional growth. APCO offers a competitive salary and benefits. Salary will be commensurate with experience with a starting salary range of \$70,000 to \$90,000 depending on qualifications.

Please include a cover letter, resume (incl. grades), references, and writing sample with your application to gro@apcointl.org.

Requirements

The preferred candidate has a J.D. degree, 0-3 years' experience, an interest in working to improve public safety communications, and strong written and oral communication skills. Prior work on federal legislation and/or regulation is a plus. Responsibilities include: analyzing FCC proceedings and federal legislation; drafting FCC filings, membership communications, and other advocacy materials; and preparing presentations for educational events.

Interested in Hosting an FCBA event?

The FCBA greatly appreciates the support of our members' firms and companies who provide space for our brown bag lunches, committee meetings, and CLE Seminars throughout the year. We are, however, always looking for new locations that can host FCBA events.

In general, we need conference rooms that can seat at least 30 people at tables for brown bag lunches and committee meetings and conference rooms that

can seat at least 60 people theatre style for CLE seminars. Firms and companies hosting brown bag lunches provide beverages and desserts; firms and companies hosting CLE seminars provide beverages and snacks. Brown bag lunches are generally held from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. and CLE seminars are generally held from 12:00 – 2:15 p.m., 2:00 – 4:15 p.m., 3:00 – 5:15 p.m., or 4:00 – 6:15 p.m. Additionally, for CLE seminars we need facilities

that can provide technology support for microphones for as many as six speakers on a panel, the ability to tie the house sound system into a teleconference bridge, and video projection capabilities for PowerPoint presentations. If your firm or company has the needed conference room facilities and capabilities and would be willing to host future FCBA activities, please email **Kerry Loughney**, kerry@fcba.org.

Calendar

May 5	CLE Webinar: Small Cells, Big Impact presented by the State and Local Committee
May 7	Mass Media Committee Brown Bag Lunch – Off the Record
May 11	Spring Keynote with FCC Commissioner Carr
July 1	FCBA Membership and Fiscal Year Begins



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