

Telecom Issues from the States' Perspective Luncheon - February 13

The next FCBA luncheon will be held February 13th and will feature a panel of State PUC Commissioners, **Diane Munns**, Iowa, **Anthony Clark**, North Dakota, **Karen Smith**, Maryland, and **Philip Jones**, Washington, focusing on "Telecom Issues from the States' Perspective". The panel will be moderated by **Bob Rowe** and **Rachelle Chong**.

The luncheon will be held at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Atrium Ballroom, and will begin at 12:00 noon. Please use the form on page 19 to register.



Diane Munns



Anthony Clark



Karen Smith



Philip Jones



Bob Rowe



Rachelle Chong

7th Annual Communications Law 101 Seminar on February 28

On the afternoon of **February 28, 2006**, the FCBA will present its annual "Comm Law 101" CLE Seminar, from 1:00-6:30 p.m., at the Wiley Rein & Fielding Conference Center, 1776 K Street, N.W. This afternoon-long event is targeted at attorneys who are relatively new to practice and will feature recognized experts in the field. The goal of the Comm Law 101 seminar is to provide a practical overview of communications law and the communications industry, discuss important legal skills for communications attorneys, and to explore some of the most important technologies and legal issues that will impact the communications industry in the years to come. The **Registration Form** is on page 21 of this newsletter. A complete **agenda** is on pages 1 and 3.

Communications Law 101

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE'RE HEADED, AND HOW TO SOLVE THE LEGAL PROBLEMS WE'LL ENCOUNTER ALONG THE WAY

February 28, 2006

1:00 – 6:30 pm

Wiley Rein & Fielding Conference Center

12:30-1:00 pm

REGISTRATION

1:00-1:30 pm

LUNCH

This Month's Key Events

Diversity CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday,

February 8, 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Location: Hogan & Hartson, 555 13th Street, NW

Topic: The Return of the Tax Certificate and the Future of FCC DE Credits

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Common Carrier CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday,

February 15, 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: Federal Universal Service Regulation and Policy

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Engineering & Technical CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday,

February 16, 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Location: Dow Lohnes & Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire Ave., NW

Topic: FCC Regulation of New Technologies

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Mass Media Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday,

February 21, 12:15 p.m.

Location: Sheppard Mullin, 1300 I Street, NW

Topic: Broadcasters Delve Into the Digital Future

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International Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Wednesday,

February 22, Noon

Location: Skadden Arps, 700 14th Street, NW

Topic: Don Abelson to discuss Bureau's accomplishments and goals

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Wireless Luncheon

Date/Time: Wednesday,

February 22, Noon

Location: Sidley Austin, 1501 K Street, NW

Topic: Impact of U.S. Wireless Industry on the U.S. Economy

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PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR MEMBERS:

The **Federal Communications Law Journal**, published by the FCBA in conjunction with Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington, has been a longstanding source of scholarship and pride for the association. The FCLJ publishes three issues per year, featuring articles, book reviews, student notes and commentaries focused on domestic and international communications issues, and often includes articles and essays by FCC officials and members of Congress, as well as FCBA members.



This year marks a new first for the FCLJ, with the organization of a conference to explore the timely theme “The Telecom Act of 1996: Ten Years Later” in conjunction with the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information and George Washington University’s School of Public Policy and Public Administration on February 6. The program, which includes experts who have written articles on the Telecom Act’s first decade for the June 2006 issue of the FCLJ, will explore the driving forces behind the Telecom Act, the challenges of implementation, and the lessons learned that may be relevant to new legislation.

Thanks to Law Journal Committee Co-Chairs **Jamison Prime**, **Bill Richardson**, and **Linda Smith** for their hard work this year in coordinating FCLJ activities – their Committee is profiled in more detail in this newsletter. In addition to ongoing planning efforts, they are also studying the impact of electronic publishing and communications on law journals, as well the feasibility of using online bulletin boards or “blogs” to enhance the FCLJ’s efforts in today’s realm of scholarly research.

As January marked the mid-point of the 2005-06 fiscal year, last month the FCBA Executive Committee reviewed the progress of its various committees and chapters and conducted a mid-year budget review. I am pleased to report that the FCBA remains in excellent financial health and has benefited this year from a surge of activity and a high level of programming from all of the committees and chapters. Likewise, participation in FCBA events this year has been very strong, and our membership is stable. Kudos to Treasurer **Mark Schneider**, Assistant Treasurer **Rick Whitt**, and particularly **Stan Zenor** for their diligence in managing the books and working with the auditor this year.

Based on continuing member feedback, however, we have decided to devote further attention to ensuring greater access to our events and programming through teleconferencing and webcasting. As noted in this newsletter, the Executive Committee is launching a new ad hoc committee to lead this effort, and we’re seeking committee co-chairs and volunteers. In the meantime, we will reinvigorate our efforts to facilitate on-line registration for events and dues renewal.

Finally, I’d like to thank former FCC Chairmen **Michael Powell**, **James Quello**, **Alfred Sikes**, and **Dick Wiley** for their participation in last month’s FCBA Luncheon (See photos on page 18), as well as **Ramsey Woodworth** and the FCBA Presidents of the 1980s for their contributions to the historical profile in this newsletter, all part of our ongoing 70th Anniversary celebration.

Michele C. Farquhar



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1:05-1:10 pm

WELCOME

Genie Barton

Senior Counsel, Spectrum & Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
CLE Committee Co-Chair

1:10-1:30 pm

OVERVIEW OF THE FCBA

Michele C. Farquhar

Partner, Hogan & Hartson, LLP
FCBA President

The lunch presentation will discuss the structure and purpose of the FCBA. Topics will include a description of each committee, opportunities for involvement in the FCBA, and a discussion of how the FCBA can help in the development of your career as a communications attorney.

1:30-1:35 pm

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE

John Branscome

Chief, Spectrum & Competition Policy Division, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Communications Law 101 Co-Chair

1:35-2:00 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thomas J. Sugrue

Vice President, Government Affairs
T-Mobile USA, Inc.

2:00-3:15 pm

SKILLS PANEL: PRACTICAL TIPS FROM INDUSTRY VETERANS

This panel will discuss the types of legal and advocacy skills used by communications attorneys. The panelists will offer advice for attorneys in various practice areas, including how to approach and solve challenging legal problems. The panelists will also provide guidance on developing a professional identity and the skills that are vital in this evolving legal field.

Moderator:

Mark Brennan

Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot
Communications Law 101 Co-Chair

Bryan Tramont

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Scott Delacourt

Of Counsel, Wiley Rein and Fielding

3:15-3:30 pm

BREAK

3:30-4:45 pm

LAW AND POLICY PANEL: AN INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

This panel will explore several specific practice areas of communications law with a focus on current issues and pending matters. The primary purpose will be to provide a big-picture perspective of the significant legal concepts, regulatory regimes, and business issues in the communications industry.

Moderator:

Jason Friedrich

Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP
Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair

Matthew Brill

Partner, Latham & Watkins

Susan Fox

Vice President, Government Relations,
The Walt Disney Company

Barry Ohlson

Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner
Jonathan Adelstein

To-Quyen Truong

Partner, Dow Lohnes & Albertson

4:45-5:00 pm

BREAK

5:00-6:15 pm

TECHNOLOGY PANEL: THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CONVERGENCE

This panel will discuss a variety of new communications technologies and then examine how these technologies may stretch, strain, or destroy the existing legal structures and regulatory regimes.

Discussion topics include a discussion of the impact of the move to an IP-based delivery model on wireline, wireless, cable, and broadcast practice areas, particularly as the line between “communications” and “information services” becomes increasingly hard to draw. The goal of this panel is to give attendees a chance to hear seasoned attorneys, industry insiders, and market analysts share their thoughts on the future legal landscape of the communications industry.

Moderator:

Bill Van Asselt

Hogan & Hartson, LLP
Communications Law 101 Co-Chair

Jamie Hedlund

Director, Communications Policy
Yahoo!

Jeffrey Carlisle

Vice President, Compliance and
Government Relations
Lenovo

Brent Olson

Assistant Vice President, Regulatory
Policy, AT&T

Paul Gallant

Senior Vice President, Stanford
Washington Research Group

6:15-6:30 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Natalie Roisman

Attorney-Advisor, FCC Media Bureau
Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair

Attendees are invited to attend the Young Lawyers Committee's monthly happy hour following the program at Restaurant Kolumbia, 1801 K Street, NW from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Save the Date!
The FCBA's 70th
Anniversary
Celebration**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006
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February 8 - The New Telecom Bills

THE RETURN OF THE TAX CERTIFICATE? & THE FUTURE OF FCC DESIGNATED ENTITY (DE) CREDITS.

Congress created the authority for tax certificates under § 1071 of the Internal Revenue Code. This authority provided the Federal Communications Commission with the ability to create deferrals of capital gains taxes to sellers of broadcast properties to minority-controlled entities. A May, 2004 report by the FCC Diversity Advisory Committee stated “the most important thing the Commission could do to promote diversity is achieve reinstatement of the tax certificate program.” Should reinstatement of this crucial program be a part of any rewrite of the Telecommunications Act?

With similar diversity goals in mind, Congress mandated in section 309(j) of the Communications Act that new spectrum licenses be assigned to “a wide variety of applicants, including small business, rural telephone companies, and businesses owned by member of minority groups and women.” To meet this mandate, the FCC constructed the Designated Entity Preference Program to provide working capital to a diverse applicant base. This program was ambitious and forward-looking, but not without its administrative, and ultimately legal challenges.

At one point, digital television transition (DTV) transition legislation contained language that affirmed the FCC’s authority under 309(j) to promote the objective of fostering diversity in the broadcast field. This language, which has since been removed due to the Byrd rule, required the FCC to conduct an inquiry within 120 days into the ability of women, minorities, and small businesses to participate successfully in the auction process and on the efficacy of the

Commission’s efforts to achieve diversity. The provisions also required the Commission to continue to report biennially on its success in promoting diversity and would have required the FCC report biennially to the Congress on whether diversity goals are being achieved. Should such provisions survive in future legislation?

In its first ever continuing legal education (CLE) program, the FCBA Diversity Committee is bringing together panelists to discuss these pressing and timely issues.

Panelists include: **Carolyn Williams, Esq.**, Director of the FCC Office of Business Opportunities and **Dirck Hargraves, Esq.**, Issue Dynamics, **David Honig, Esq.**, Executive Director, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, **Jeneba Ghatt, Esq.**, The Ghatt Law Group, LLC, **S. Jenell Trigg, Esq.**, Leventhal Senter & Lerman PLLC.

Moderated by **Andrew Barrett**, Managing Director, The Barrett Group.

Wednesday, February 8th 6:00-8:15 pm
Hogan & Hartson Litigation
Conference Room, Lower Level
555 13th St., NW, Washington, DC

Registration on page 19.

February 15 - Universal Service

The Common Carrier Practice Committee is putting together a CLE Seminar on Universal Service on **Wednesday, February 15, from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m.** The seminar will be held at the main conference center of Wiley Rein & Fielding, LLP, 1776 K Street, NW. Registration information is on page 19.

It is nearly universally agreed that the universal service system is in need of reform and widely expected that reform will be a hot issue at the FCC and on the Hill in 2006. This CLE will examine reform prospects, policy

considerations, and the legal implications and justifications for reform on both the contribution and distribution side. An agenda is below.

Federal Universal Service Regulation and Policy: Where are We Going, and Why?

6:00-7:00 p.m.:

I. USF CONTRIBUTION MECHANISMS:

- What is the current contribution mechanism?
- What are the pending proposals for revised contribution mechanisms, and what are the legal and policy support for each?
- What are the potential impacts of reform of contribution mechanisms on industry participants? On consumers?

Panelists:

Tina Pidgeon, VP, Regulatory Affairs, GCI –Moderator

Joel Lubin, Vice President, Regulatory Planning and Policy, AT&T

Donald Stockdale, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Carrier Bureau, FCC

Rick Cimerman, Vice President-State Regulatory Affairs, NCTA

7:00-7:15 p.m.

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7:15-8:15 p.m.:

II. USF DISTRIBUTION POLICIES:

- Overview of Federal USF Distribution Policies
- The 10th Circuit remands of prior FCC Orders – will the third time be the charm? What would a mechanism that satisfies the Court look like?
- Will “affordability” become a component of support calculation?
- Does having a different distribution mechanism for “rural” carriers still make sense? If so, how should it continue to differ from the “non-rural” mechanism?

- Should service area location have any impact on the number of certified ETCs in an area?

Panelists:

Paul Feldman, Member, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth - Moderator

Eric Einhorn, Executive Director, Federal Regulatory, AT&T

G. Nannette Thompson, Vice President Federal Policy, GCI

Bob Rowe, Partner, Rowe & Balhoff

February 16 - FCC Regulation of New Technologies

The Engineering and Technical Practice Committee has put together a CLE Seminar to be held Thursday, February 16 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. at Dow Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC. Registration information is on page 19.

SUMMARY:

Any new technology that uses radio frequencies needs FCC approval. The more innovative the technology, however, the more likely it is to violate the current technical rules.

This session will explore the FCC's procedures for adjusting the rules to accommodate new technologies. What factors guide FCC decision-making? How can a proponent's lawyer help the FCC to reach the right result? Why do some rulemakings and waiver proceedings take so long? How can a spectrum incumbent ensure that its interests remain protected?

Moderator:

Henry Goldberg, Partner, Goldberg, Godles, Wiener & Wright

Panelists:

Mitchell Lazarus, Member, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC

Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

Dr. Rashmi Doshi, Chief, Laboratory Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

Karl Nebbia, Deputy Associate

Administrator for Domestic Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications Information Administration, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Adelstein, FCC

Jay Birnbaum, Vice President and General Counsel at CURRENT Communications Group, LLC, and CURRENT Technologies, LLC

The Telecom Act of 1996: Ten Years Later

Columbia Institute for Tele-Information in association with the Federal Communications Bar Association Present

The Telecommunications Act of 1996: *Ten Years Later* on February 6, 2006 9:30am-5:00pm, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 became law on February 7, 1996. The following decade was a period of unprecedented change in the global information, computer and telecommunications (ICT) industry. The explosive growth of the Internet, the unprecedented "boom and bust" in telecom stocks, the collapse and restructuring of entire industry sectors, and the development of revolutionary new technologies are only a few of the changes that characterized the past ten years in telecom.

What was the relationship between the Telecom Act and the decade of change in the ICT industry? What was the Telecom Act supposed to do and did it accomplish those goals? Was it a success? A failure? Or a bit of each?

The Columbia Institute for Tele-Information (CITI) and the Federal Communications Law Journal (FCLJ) have organized a conference to explore these questions and the overall impact of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on the ICT industry, the economy and society.

Conference speakers will include experts who have written articles on the Telecom Act's first decade which will appear in the June 2006 issue of the FCLJ. Other speakers are experts who have contributed to CITI's research, including the on-going "Remedies for Telecom Recovery" program which is exploring the causes and cures of the historic telecom "boom and bust."

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

Patricia Aufderheide, Director for the Center for Social Media at American University

Michael Botein, Director of the Media Center and Professor at New York Law School

Gerald Brock, Program Director at the Graduate Telecommunication Program at The George Washington University

Angela Campbell, Director of Georgetown Law Center's Institute for Public Representation

Dirck Hargraves, Counsel, Telecommunication Research and Action Center (TRAC) and General Counsel and Senior Consultant, Issue Dynamics, Inc.

Thomas Hazlett, George Mason University

Eli Noam, Director of the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information and Professor, Columbia Business School

Daniel Phythyon, Policy Director and General Counsel for the Alliance for Public Technology (APT)

Larry Pressler, United States Senator (retired) and a principal author of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Andrew Schwartzman, President and CEO of Media Access Project

Christopher Sterling, Professor at the Graduate Telecommunication Program at The George Washington University

Kathleen Wallman, Senior Advisor to the Brattle Group and CEO of Wallman Consulting Group

Steven Wildman, Director of the Quello Center for Telecommunication Management and Law at Michigan State University

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TELECOM ACT

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REGISTRATION

Early registration fees will be available until January 15, 2006; after that date, regular registration fees will apply. Corporate: early - \$200, regular - \$250; FCBA Members and CITI affiliates: early - \$100; regular - \$125; Government and academic: early - \$35; regular - \$50.

On-line registration is available at: <http://www.ersvp.com/reply/event12968>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please consult the conference website at: http://www.citi.columbia.edu/telecom_at_10 for the latest information about the conference.

CITI contact: Ben Bloom, 212-854-4222, bb2125@columbia.edu

FCLJ contact: Matt Warner, (812) 855-5952, fclj@indiana.edu

or follow this link: <http://www.ersvp.com/reply/event12968>

February 19-20, 2006 - The Digital Broadband Migration Confronting the New Regulatory Frontiers

The transformation of telecommunications from an analog, narrowband network optimized for voice to a digital, broadband network optimized for data traffic has created a myriad of challenges for businesses, policymakers, and academics alike. The questions range from those involving what institutions—courts, agencies, standard setting bodies, or international treaty organizations—can address technology policy questions to those involving the emerging structure of the telecommunications industry and whether it is an effective response to or possible barrier to continued innovation. Similarly, the development of video content over the Internet is

emerging as a challenge that will potentially transform the video programming industry, both respect to the re-thinking of regulatory strategies and the role of digital rights management systems.

This conference will examine the above set of pressing regulatory challenges that policymakers have yet to fully grapple with. With a thoughtful array of leaders from academic, industry, and governmental circles, we believe that this conference will continue the Silicon Flatirons' tradition of encouraging "bolder thinking" in Boulder. Like its predecessors, the proceedings from this conference will be published in the third volume of the Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law.

Schedule of Events: Sunday, Feb. 19th

LINDSLEY MEMORIAL COURTROOM

9:15-9:30

WELCOME

Phil Weiser

Executive Director, Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program

9:30-11:30

OVERVIEW PANEL: THE INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Phil Weiser (Moderator)

Executive Director, Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program

Ray Gifford

President, Progress and Freedom Foundation

Dale Hatfield

Univ. of Colorado, former FCC Chief Engineer

Howard Shelanski

Univ. of California, Berkeley, former FCC Chief Economist

Steven F. Williams

Judge, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals

Jon Nuechterlein

Partner, Wilmer Cutler, former FCC Deputy General Counsel

11:30-1:00
LUNCH

1:00-3:00

VIDEO OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL

Peter Rohrbach (Moderator)

Partner, Hogan and Hartson

Susan Crawford (Presenter)

Cardozo Univ.

Robert Pepper (Presenter)

Cisco Systems

Timothy Wu (Presenter)

Univ. of Virginia

Dorothy Atwood (Discussant)

Sr. VP, SBC, Regulatory Planning and Policy

Paul Glist (Discussant)

Partner, Cole Raywid

Stephan Shelanski (Discussant)

Sr. VP, Starz Entertainment Group

3:00-3:15
BREAK

3:15-5:00

DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

Natalie Hanlon-Leh (Moderator)

Partner, Faegre & Benson

Tom Lookabaugh (Presenter)

Univ. of Colorado

Randy Picker (Presenter)

Univ. of Chicago

Chris Sprigman (Presenter)

Univ. of Virginia

Richard Green (Discussant)

CEO, Cablelabs

Preston Padden (Discussant)

Exec VP, Disney

Gigi Sohn (Discussant)

Public Knowledge

5:15-6:15

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Bob Kahn

Internet Pioneer

6:15-7:15
RECEPTION

(Sponsored by Perkins Coie)

Schedule of Events: Monday, Feb. 20th

UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL CENTER

9:00-10:00

CLOSING SPEAKER

Michael K. Powell

former Chairman, Federal
Communications Commission

10:00-12:00

INDUSTRY STRUCTURE

Sean Lindsay (Moderator)

VP and Deputy Gen Counsel, Qwest

Antoinette Cook Bush (Presenter)

Partner, Skadden Arps

Mark Cooper (Presenter)

Director of Research, Consum Fed. Of
America

Aaron Edlin (Presenter)

Univ. of California, Berkeley

Fred Kahn (Presenter)

former CAB Head

Douglas Melamed (Presenter)

former Antitrust Chief

EM. Scherer (Presenter)

former Chief Economist, FTC

12:00-1:30

LUNCH/LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Jim Crowe

President and CEO, Level 3
Communications

More information and registration
opportunities are available at
[http://www.silicon-flatirons.org/
conferences/20060219dbm.asp](http://www.silicon-flatirons.org/conferences/20060219dbm.asp).

March 15, 2006 – Economic Analysis and FCC Decisionmaking

Presented by the FCBA and the Stanford
Institute for Economic Policy Research
(SIEPR)

The FCC relies heavily on economic
analysis in addressing public policy
issues. Economic analysis is

particularly important in determining
the “public interest” in FCC decisions
that shape the structure of the
marketplace, policies to facilitate
efficient market entry and exit, and
decisions on when and how to eliminate
regulation and rely on market-driven
competition.

This conference will examine how the
FCC utilizes economic analysis, with a
focus on major merger decisions and
the “net neutrality” debate. We will
consider how the FCC ought to
approach important short-term and
long-term economic issues, and how it
should choose between competing
economic models and approaches
presented by opposing parties.

Schedule of Events:

8:45 – 9:00

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST RECEPTION

9:00 – 9:10

WELCOME

Greg Rosston

Stanford Institute for Economic Policy
Research

David Sieradzki

Hogan & Hartson LLP

Conference Co-Chairs

9:10 – 9:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Leslie Marx

FCC Chief Economist

9:30-11:00

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS IN FCC MERGER PROCEEDINGS

Moderator:

Walt Strack

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau,
FCC

Panelists:

Debra Aron

Northwestern University/LECG

Doug Bernheim

Stanford University

Michael Katz

University of California, Berkeley
(former FCC Chief Economist and
former Deputy Assistant Attorney
General for Economic Analysis,
Antitrust Division, DOJ)

Donald Stockdale

Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

11:10-12:15

THE ECONOMICS OF “NET NEUTRALITY” AND FACILITIES-BASED COMPETITION

Moderator:

David Sieradzki

Hogan & Hartson LLP

Panelists:

Greg Rosston

Stanford Institute for Economic Policy
Research

Kevin Werbach

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton
School of Business

LOCATION:

Hogan & Hartson LLP, 555 - 13th St.,
NW, Washington, DC, 13th Floor

DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 8:45 am –
12:15 pm

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March 28 Privacy and Data Security for Communications and Media Companies

SPEAKERS:

Jonathan D. Avila, The Walt Disney
Company

William B. Baker, Wiley Rein &
Fielding

Mary Ellen Callahan, Hogan & Hartson
Timothy L. Jucovy, Covington &
Burling

Joanne McNabb, California Office of
Privacy Protection

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PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

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Alan C. Raul, Sidley Austin LLP
S. Jenell Trigg, Leventhal Senter & Lerman PLLC

Gerard J. Waldron, Covington & Burling

Presented by the FCBA and the ABA Forum on Communications Law

TITLE:

Privacy & Data Security Compliance for Communications & Media Companies

DAY: Tuesday, March 28, 2006

TIME: 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

COST:

\$125.00 for FCBA and ABA Communications Law Forum Members
\$200.00 for Non-Members
\$50.00 for Government Employees and Students

LOCATION:

Covington & Burling
Conference Center
1201 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20004-2401

DESCRIPTION:

This seminar will cover everything you wanted to know about the fast changing landscape of privacy and data security law, but were afraid to ask.

This seminar will focus on the practical implementation of various domestic state and federal laws and regulations that impact the business operations, regulatory compliance and marketing efforts of communications and media companies, as well as provide a brief overview of international requirements for foreign operations of U.S. companies, including foreign news bureaus. It will also address the interface and potential conflicts between the new privacy laws and other regulatory requirements, such as Sarbanes-Oxley and various FCC regulations for broadcast, cable, and telecommunications companies.

Seminar speakers will include representatives from state and federal agencies, including the FCC, FTC, and the California Office of Privacy Protection, as well as distinguished practitioners in this field. The seminar will focus on the latest developments and changes in the laws and regulations that most impact communications and media businesses, including:

- Data Security Breach Notification Laws recently adopted in more than 22 states and 1 municipality (New York City)
- New FTC rules for implementation of the CAN-SPAM Act with respect to commercial email and FCC's rules regarding commercial email sent via wireless devices

- Michigan and Utah's new Child Protection Registry Laws that affect commercial email sent to those states
- California's "Shine the Light" Law that requires third party disclosure notice requirements for sharing personal information
- State and Federal Do-Not-Call Laws (FCC and FTC) and their application to the explosive growth in commercial text message advertising
- The new Federal Junk Fax Prevention Act and California's recent elimination of the established business relationship exception for commercial fax advertising
- Credit card security issues, including the credit card industry's new online and offline merchant security requirements
- Michigan and other State Social Security Number Privacy Laws
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

For additional information, please contact S. Jenell Trigg at Leventhal Senter & Lerman PLLC: 212-416-1090 or strigg@lsl-law.com.

Registration information is on page 22 of this newsletter.

SPECIAL Events

Inaugural FCBA Mentoring Luncheon to be Held on March 22nd

The FCBA is pleased to announce its inaugural Mentoring Luncheon to be held on **March 22, 2006, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** There will be an opportunity to

network with attendees from noon to 12:30. Lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m. The Luncheon will be held at the law offices of Arnold & Porter LLP, 555 12th Street, NW, 10th floor, Washington, D.C.

The Diversity and Young Lawyers Committees invite all young lawyers to meet and have lunch with senior communications attorneys from Congress, major law firms, the FCC,

and communications companies. Young lawyers will have the opportunity to network and discuss career questions. The Mentoring Luncheon is intended to facilitate collegiality and friendships between senior and junior level attorneys within the FCBA and communications industry.

The luncheon cost is \$20.00 Please use the registration form on page 23.

COMMITTEES AND CHAPTERS *in the Spotlight*

Law Journal

The Law Journal Committee is the Association's liaison with the staff and faculty advisor of the Federal Communications Law Journal, which is published by the FCBA in conjunction with Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington. The Committee's primary role is to serve as the Journal staff's contact with the Association in the administration of its contract with Indiana, to provide the law students who staff the Journal with insights into current topics of interest to our members, and to consult with the staff and advisor of the Journal on matters of editorial policy. The Committee has traditionally been comprised of members with different professional perspectives, including private practitioners, FCC staff, and academics who specialize in communications law. This year's co-chairs are Bill Richardson, a partner at Wilmer Hale; Linda Smith, a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School; and Jamison Prime, Chief of OET's Spectrum Policy Branch and a former editor of the Journal.

Last year the Committee met with the Journal staff and faculty advisor numerous times throughout the year, both in D.C. and on campus in Indiana. Two examples of this ongoing interaction between the staff and the Committee include a working lunch we hosted for members of the Journal who were in Washington for the Telecom Moot Court competition, and the attendance by two members of the Journal staff at the annual Comm Law 101 seminar (the tuition of which was sponsored by the Association). The Committee also launched an ongoing test of the feasibility of providing members with advance electronic access to upcoming articles in the Journal, and began a study of ways in which the Association might expand on its existing publications by reliance on web-based communications. We also continued ongoing efforts to better connect student note writers on the Journal with members of the practicing

bar who could offer mentoring and advice.

One highlight of the Committee's work is the annual on-campus visit, in which the Committee has the opportunity to meet with the current year's staff, as well as the advisor, other faculty members, and the school's dean. This year's visit has been moved to the end of January, which will allow both Linda and Jamison the opportunity to attend on behalf of the Committee. We look forward to meeting with this year's editor-in-chief, Matt Warner, as well as new faculty members in Indiana's law and telecommunications schools who are working with the Journal's staff. Although we expect to address a number of working issues – such as the transition to a new printer for this volume of the Journal and modification of the students' note-writing timetable – the visit is also beneficial in that it affords the Committee the opportunity to introduce ourselves (and, by extension, the Association) to the Journal's entire staff.

The Committee will continue to work with the Journal to provide our membership with advance electronic access to issue summaries and content, and we have begun to examine the larger issue of how scholarly publishing is evolving in the electronic age. We hope to identify additional models that

could bolster the amount and types of research and discussion that could be made available to the membership. In doing so, we will be cognizant of the resources that such efforts might entail and will include such information in any of our findings. We are looking forward to engaging our committee members in this general inquiry, and encourage all members of the Association to contact the co-chairs with their comments and ideas.

Membership and Marketing

The Membership and Marketing Committee Co-Chairs are Jim Blitz of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, John Garziglia of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, and Tarah Grant of Hogan & Hartson, LLP. Our committee's mission is to propose and implement ideas and plans aimed at the goals of maintaining and increasing FCBA membership.

Earlier this year, we were invited to make a presentation to the FCBA Executive Committee. We used this opportunity to present preliminary proposals for ten initiatives that we felt would further the goals of our committee. While the implementation of many of the initiatives

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Membership and Marketing Committee Co-Chairs, John Garziglia, Tarah Grant and Jim Blitz

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are still subject to Executive Committee approval and practical resource constraints, we are pleased to report that several have already been acted upon by the FCBA. For instance, the FCBA now provides sponsors of FCBA events with “sponsor ribbons” to wear in an effort to further recognize sponsorship contributions and increase ties with communications industry service providers, and there was a separate reception room at the Chairman’s Dinner in an effort to increase camaraderie and facilitate networking.

Here are our ten Membership and Marketing Committee initiatives:

1. In order to increase the appeal of the FCBA among governmental attorney members, we recommend establishing a Government Attorneys Practice Group. This new practice group would interact with FCC and other governmental staff, assist in professional development and career advancement, provide social activities, and de-mystify the private sector for government members. In addition, we recommend appointing a government liaison for each of the practice group committees, hosting brown bags at the FCC and at restaurants in proximity to the FCC and to Capitol Hill, targeting new hires at the FCC, NTIA and on the Hill, and investigating the possibility of combined memberships with other professional groups for governmental attorney members.
2. To maintain membership levels, we recommend a targeted follow-up effort, after the FCBA sends its renewal notices, to companies or firms having substantial non-renewals. The follow-up should include telephone calls and emails.
3. In an effort to broaden geographic scope of FCBA membership and to broaden the subject matter scope of FCBA programs, we recommend targeting communications-related industries that may not be directly FCC-
4. We recommend exploring the concept of membership exclusivity to guard and promote the benefits of FCBA membership. Membership exclusivity benefits would include hosting members-only events and assessing increased event fees for non-members.
5. We suggest finding mechanisms to ease membership enrollment using vehicles such as online registration, and on-site registration at FCBA events.
6. The FCBA’s successful lunch series might be expanded to have an “FCC Staff Lunch,” where we would invite FCC staff from all levels, and a “Congressional Staff Lunch” organized around staff persons from Congressional committees and offices that are important to FCBA members’ practices.
7. We believe that a greater effort should be expended to identify non-members, and attract new members to the categories of Student Membership and Paralegal/Legal Assistant Membership. Further, the FCBA should attempt to expand the levels of general membership by identifying an FCBA membership liaison at each law firm having over ten FCBA members to help coordinate membership renewals, encourage membership enrollment, and keep firm attorneys informed of FCBA events. In addition, we recommend the FCBA launch a project to identify names of non-member attorneys doing FCC-related work at private sector firms and non-profit groups by using the data available on the FCC’s web site, and acquire a list of lawyers from Martindale-Hubbell who identify their practice area as communications law and compare that list against a list of FCBA members to identify non-member lawyers as potential FCBA members.
8. The FCBA should investigate ways to further our ties with FCBA associate
9. In addition to the using a paper directory, the FCBA should explore the feasibility of providing an Outlook “Contacts” data file of FCBA members’ addresses, phone numbers and email addresses through the FCBA website for download to a member’s computer, sorted by practice area. This tool would allow members to more easily access other FCBA members’ phone, address and email information for use in Outlook contacts folders and on Blackberries and Treos in the same way they now keep their own personal contact information.
10. Finally, we recommend that the FCBA consider the ways that camaraderie may be increased at the Chairman’s Dinner, such as by encouraging members from particular practice areas to get together socially at the reception and dinner or to provide nametags for all attendees to the Chairman’s dinner.

The FCBA Membership and Marketing Committee meets over lunch on a regular basis. You are encouraged to join us with your ideas. Most importantly, we seek your reactions to and opinions on our proposed initiatives described above. Please pass such feedback to us at: tsgrant@hhlaw.com, jgarziglia@wcsr.com or jimblitz@dwt.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

New York Chapter

The New York Chapter is the first regional chapter of the FCBA. Founding

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member Stuart Shorestein recalls that the Chapter was formed in 1981. A speaking event featuring Jack Valenti, long-time head of the Motion Picture Association of America, drew such a crowd of interested media attorneys that it became a catalyst to the formation of a city-wide chapter. The chapter filled a void, Stuart notes, enabling attorneys not based in Washington DC to connect with one another and to share information about national legal and regulatory issues. Now there are many such regional chapters around the country which, even in the age of the internet and instantaneous information transfer, spark local collegiality and exchange of knowledge and experience.

Currently, the NYC Chapter has three co-chairs: Eileen E. Huggard of Verizon, Mary Ellen Burns of the NY Attorney General's Office, and Susanna Zwerling, also of the NY Attorney General's Office. All three work in Manhattan and all three are former staffers at the Federal Communications Commission. Their expertise and interests are wide-ranging, including telephony, internet, wireless, cable, satellite, and broadcast tv and radio. The chapter membership, numbering over 75 members, also spans the varying legal practices in the communications sector, including in-house counsel at numerous companies large and small; members of law firms; city and state government agencies, small practitioners; and members of other local and state bar associations. The members predominantly practice in New York City, but the chapter also has some New Jersey and Connecticut-based members.

In the last year, the NYC Chapter has sponsored a breakfast panel discussion with industry and government representatives on internet privacy issues, including spyware, adware, phishing and identity theft. We also sponsored a breakfast panel discussion on "The Future of Voice Competition," with a focus on Voice Over Internet Protocol, wireline, wireless, and cable, with presenters from the various voice industries. We recently co-sponsored a



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State and Local Practice Committee Co-Chairs, Angela Giancarlo and Bob Branson (not pictured – Erick Soriano and Bob Rowe)

luncheon with the Telecommunications Committee and the Internet Committee of the NYC Bar Association with a guest speaker who is a general counsel for British Telecom.

The next event planned by the chapter is a breakfast panel discussion of Broadband Over Power Line. Other possible events include a spring luncheon, another breakfast event on a timely topic, and another event with a our city bar association committees. The chapter welcomes new members and input on new programs. Please feel free to share your views and interests with the Co-Chairs: Eileen E. Huggard at eileen.e.huggard@verizon.com, Mary Ellen Burns at maryellen.burns@oag.state.ny.us, and Susanna Zwerling at susanna.zwerling@oag.state.ny.us.

State and Local Practice Committee

The State and Local Practice Committee is co-chaired by Angela Giancarlo of the FCC, Bob Rowe of Balhoff & Rowe, Erick Soriano of Fleishman & Walsh LLP and Robert Branson of Verizon Wireless. Cheryl Leanza of the The National League of Cities serves as the Executive Committee Liaison for the committee.

We kicked off the 2005-2006 term with

a brown bag luncheon on October 19th featuring Monica Desai, Chief of the FCC's Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau (CGB). Monica brought along her Deputies, which provided FCBA members a great opportunity to interact with and learn more about the inner workings of CGB, as well as the FCC.

On February 13, the committee will host a luncheon in connection with the NARUC conference. This luncheon, the first of its kind, will be held at the Washington Court Hotel and will feature four outstanding state regulatory commissioners. CPUC Commissioner Rachelle Chong and committee co-chair, Bob Rowe will moderate the panel discussion. In addition, later this spring, the committee is planning to host a second brown bag luncheon – likely on issues relating to cable franchising – as well as a CLE session on the topic of Enhanced 911.

Please feel free to contact Robert Branson at 202.589.3779 or Robert.Branson@verizonwireless.com, Angela Giancarlo at 202.418.2066 or Angela.Giancarlo@fcc.gov, Bob Rowe at 406.461.4991 or rowe@balhoffrowe.com or Erick Soriano at 202.939.7921 or esoriano@fw-law.com, if you would like to participate in the committee's work, have any questions, or wish to submit interesting ideas for brown bag luncheons or other events.

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Cable Practice Committee

Event: Volunteering at Martha's Table

Date/Time: Sunday, February 26,
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Martha's Table, 2114 14th Street,
N.W.

RSVP to: Frank Buono – fbuono@willkie.com

International Telecommunications Practice Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 22,
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Skadden Arps, 700 14th Street,
NW, 11th Floor

Topic: FCC International Bureau's 2005
accomplishments and 2006 goals

Speaker: Don Abelson, FCC International
Bureau Chief

RSVP to: Wendy Parish – wendy@fcba.org

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Thursday, March 30,
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: United Nations Foundation, 1225
Connecticut Avenue, NW, 4th Floor

Speakers: FCC International Legal Advisors

RSVP to: Wendy Parish – wendy@fcba.org

Mass Media Practice Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 21, 12:15 p.m.

Location: Sheppard Mullin Richter &
Hampton, LLP, 1300 I Street, 11th Floor

Topic: Broadcasters Delve Into the Digital
Future, moderated by Rick Chessen

Speakers: David Fleming, General Counsel,
Gannett Broadcasting, Albert Shuldiner,
General Counsel, iBiquity, Steve Smith,
President, Broadcast Technology Consultants,
Inc, and Mike Starling, Chief Technology
Officer, NPR

RSVP to: Eva Dia, edia@sheppardmullin.com

New York Chapter

Event: Breakfast Session

Date/Time: Thursday, February 16,
8:30 a.m.

Location: Verizon, 1095 Avenue of the
Americas (at 42nd Street), New York, NY

Topic: Broadband Over Power Lines

Speakers: Frank Matarazzo, President,
Microwave Satellite Technologies Inc. and Brett
Kilbourne, Director of Regulatory Services and
Associate Counsel, UTC/United Power Line
Council.

Cost: none

RSVP to: Wendy Parish – wendy@fcba.org.

Other information: Eileen Huggard at
eileen.e.huggard@verizon.com.

Wireless Telecommunications Practice Committee

Event: Luncheon

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 22, Noon

Location: Sidley Austin, 1501 K Street,
6th Floor

Topic: The Impact of the U.S. Wireless
Telecom Industry on the U.S. Economy – An
Ovum/Independent Study

Speaker: Roger Entner, V.P. Wireless
Telecommunications for Ovum

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP to: use form on page 19.

Event: Luncheon

Date/Time: Friday, March 3, Noon

Location: Sidley Austin, 1501 K Street,
6th Floor

Topic: Litigation in the Wireless World
featuring industry representatives discussing
litigation issues relevant to the wireless
community.

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP to: use form on page 19.

Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Happy Hour

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 28,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Restaurant Kolumbia, 1801 K
Street, NW

Other Info: Contact Jason Friedrich
(jason.friedrich@dbr.com; 202-354-1340) or
Natalie Roisman (natalie.roisman@fcc.gov;
202-418-1655) for additional information.

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *News*

Law School Outreach Events

The Diversity Committee and Young Lawyers Committee are co-sponsoring panel discussions at the area law schools to introduce students to the field of communications law. The following is a schedule of events.

American University: Tuesday, February 28, 2006, 12:00 p.m. Speakers include Yaron Dori, (Partner, Hogan & Hartson, LLP); Trey Hanbury, (Director, Government Affairs, Sprint Nextel Corp.); Suzanne Hutchings Malloy, (Senior Regulatory Counsel, ICO); Jeffrey Tignor, (Legal Advisor, FCC, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau). For more information, please contact Cara Grayer, (202) 418-2960.

Catholic University: Thursday, March 9, 2006, 12:00 pm. Speakers include Julie Kearney, (Senior Director and Regulatory Counsel, Consumer Electronics Association); Bryan Tramont, (Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP); Paul Garnett, (Assistant Vice President, CTIA). For additional information, please contact Jeneba Ghatt, (240) 235 5028 or Colin Sandy, (202) 682 2496.

George Mason University: Wednesday, March 1, 2006, 5:00pm. Speakers include Ari Q. Fitzgerald, (Partner, Hogan & Hartson LLP); Jennifer Manner (Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Mobile Satellite Ventures LP); Terri Natoli (Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy, Clearwire Corporation); Jessica Rosenworcel,

(Legal Advisor, Commissioner Copps Office, FCC). For additional information, please contact Denise Coca, (202) 418-0574 or Nese Guendelsberger, (202) 418-0634.

Georgetown University: Tuesday, February 7, 2006, 12:15 pm. Speakers include David Honig, (Executive Director, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council); Chris Wright, (Partner, Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP); Linda Vilaro, (Chief Administrative Officer, Radio One). For additional information contact Amy Jones Mattock, (202) 662 9323.

George Washington University: Tuesday, February 21, 2006, 5:00 p.m. Speakers include Ann Bobeck (Associate General Counsel, National Association of

Broadcasters); Erin Dozier (Attorney, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP); and others to be determined. For additional information contact Darius B. Withers (202) 955-9774 or Ryan Wallach (202) 303-1159.

Howard University: Tuesday, February 21, 2006, 12:00 pm, Holy Cross Foyer. Speakers include Robert Branson, (Verizon Wireless, Counsel State Public Policy); Louis Peraertz, (Special Counsel, FCC, Wireless Bureau); Nia McDonald, (Attorney, Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP). For additional information contact Joy Ragsdale (202) 261 1427 or Walter Adams II, (202) 727 6262.

University of the District of Columbia: Thursday, February 9, 2006, 12:15 pm, Building 39, Room: 203. Speakers include Ari Q. Fitzgerald, (Partner, Hogan & Hartson LLP); Nia Mathis, (Attorney, Latham and Watkins); Jeneba Ghatt, (Principal, The Ghatt Law Group LLC). For additional information contact Jeneba Jalloh Ghatt, (240) 235 5028 or Joy Ragsdale (202) 261 1427.

Annual Seminar Committee

2006 FCBA ANNUAL SEMINAR RETURNS TO THE GREENBRIER RESORT

Not since the mid 1980's has the FCBA Annual Seminar been held at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. The 2006 Annual Seminar, however, returns to the Greenbrier as FCBA celebrates its 70th Anniversary, May 5-7.

Have you always wanted to go to the Greenbrier but have just never made the trip, or heard that it was expensive and difficult to get too? Well, the FCBA has a 2006 room rate of \$240.00 per night for a standard room, the same as the room rate as last year at Kingsmill for the annual seminar. That is \$240.00 per night for a standard room, not per person per night. Difficult to get to, not really. From downtown Washington, DC it is a four hour, 248 mile drive (all

on interstate highways) to reach the Greenbrier.

The Greenbrier is recognized as a world class resort with championship golf courses, an internationally ranked spa, a cooking school taught by the resort's chefs, indoor and outdoor tennis and swimming pools, a variety of recreational activities including mountain biking, equestrian activities, trout fishing, whitewater rafting, and many other leisure activities. The Greenbrier is also the site of a world renowned health clinic and "The Bunker", the cold-war escape destination for the federal government in the event of nuclear war.

It's not too early to make your resort reservations now for the 2006 Annual Seminar. Use the form on page 20 of the newsletter to fax your reservation today. Check your email for Seminar agenda and registration information.

Charity Auction

On January 18, the 2005 Charity Auction Committee held a reception to thank the many auction volunteers and present the proceeds check to this year's recipient, Kid's Enjoy Exercise Now of Greater D.C. The grand total came to a record-breaking \$76,871.00!



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FCBA: The 80's – Growth and Change

By Ramsey L. Woodworth

The second in our 70th birthday multipart series celebrating the history of the FCBA.

From White Rhyne's excellent recount last month of our founding in 1936, we now jump to the 1980's – which were “go-go” years for the FCBA. Over the decade, membership expanded from roughly 900 to 1600 members and our professional complexion grew with the times. What was the “Practice and Procedure-Broadcasting” Committee in 1980 had by 1990 become the “Mass Media Practice Committee.” Paralleling the rapidly changing telecommunications marketplace, the “Practice and Procedure-Non-Broadcasting” Committee morphed into three Committees – “Common Carrier Practice”, “Land Mobile Practice” and “International Practice.”

Our cultural identity and geographic base similarly shifted with the times. No longer did we have an “Annual Outing” Committee (fun that those annual River Road outings were), but we by 1990 had added the “Young Lawyers Committee”, the “Minority Recruitment Committee”, the “National Practice” and “New York Coordinating” Committees – and a special committee called the “Parents-in-Practice Task Force.”

These were years in which the FCBA significantly expanded educational and other professional development opportunities for its membership. Our leadership during these years of growth and change was up to the challenge and navigated the currents well. Let's see what some of our past Presidents have to say about the significant milestones and other remembrances from their administrations. To do this, let me assume the role of a roving reporter —

**HERBERT E. FORREST
(FCBA PRESIDENT 1982-83)**

Q. Herb, you were President around the time of the AT&T break-up, how did the FCBA react to that landmark event?

A. On December 9-10, 1982, the FCBA partnered with the Practicing Law Institute to hold its first annual two-day telecommunications conference - “After the AT&T Settlement, the New Telecommunications Era” highlighted by keynote presentations by then FCC Chairman Mark Fowler and former CAB Chairman Alfred E. Kahn, author of “The Economics of Regulation.” I am proud to see this annual professional education event, now called the “Institute on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation” has just completed its 23rd year.

**EDWARD O'NEILL
(FCBA PRESIDENT, 1983-84)**

Q. Ed, looking back, how do you feel the FCBA met the challenge of serving its membership in the changing environment of the 80s?

A. What impresses me is the extent to which the FCBA has remained ahead of the two decades growth curve in terms of overall professionalism, professional and educational development, institutional competence, social sensitivity and exceptional service to all elements of the relevant universe. I have been quite impressed, as well, by the fact that most administrations after “my” era seem to have built affirmatively upon the experience and admirable performance of their immediate predecessors.

**JONATHAN D. BLAKE
(FCBA PRESIDENT 1984-85)**

Q. Jon, are there any particular events, issues, or milestones that stand out from your term, or any new trends that may have emerged during the 1980s?

A. A major trend for the association, when I was president and that has accelerated since then, was to meet the needs of diverse segments of our bar —

in terms of practice specialty, geography and interests — in a more tailored fashion. The FCBA has done a terrific job in recognizing and responding to this need.

**RICHARD E. WILEY
(FCBA PRESIDENT 1986-87).**

Q. Dick, what were the highlights of your FCBA presidency?

A. The primary highlights of my tenure as FCC President were the creation of the Young Lawyers Committee and also the expansion of FCBA Chapters around the country. Both provided important opportunities to bring new people and fresh ideas into the Association, stimulating our future growth and development. We also initiated the FCBA's effort to establish a professional in-house staff and introduced the “season's ticket” for the monthly luncheon program.

**PETER D. O'CONNELL
(FCBA PRESIDENT 1987-88)**

Q. Peter, Having served in your administration, I recall your efforts – with some trepidation by all as to whether an evening event could be successful – to invite then FCC Chairman Dennis Patrick to a “small” diner in his honor. Could you fill us in on this?

A. In mid-1987 we had developed a December gap in the list of luncheon speakers and, having grown quite weary of finding luncheon speakers, I suggested to the Executive Committee that we not fill it, and instead plan to hold a dinner as the holidays were nearing. Rather than the typical luncheon address on the policy issues of the day, the idea was to change a bit and have a more lighthearted, festive event. That was pretty central to the whole project. At this point, fate gave us a big break. Dennis Patrick had recently become the Chairman and, to my pleasant surprise, my pitch for him to appear as a “humorist” was immediately embraced by Dennis. His starring role at

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the inaugural “Chairman’s Diner” was superb - very witty and good natured. The Marriott on 22nd Street, where our luncheons were then held, needed a guarantee of over 400 for the main ballroom and there were concerns that we might take a bath financially. In fact, the outcome was absolutely uncanny for an untried event. We sold out quite quickly, with a waiting list of about 15. In the last couple of days we had 15 cancellations, so every seat was taken and no one had to be turned away. We were on our way with another signature event.

WILLIAM J. POTTS (FCBA PRESIDENT 1988-89).

Q. Bill, what new directions did the FCBA undertake during your administration?

A. I’m happy to say that, during my Presidency, the FCBA Executive Committee decided that we should vigorously participate on the merits of a then pending rule making on a major FCC reorganization proposal. I think it may have been the first time since the

1930s, if even then, that the FCBA took a position on the merits of such a proposal. We established a number of ad hoc working groups under the excellent leadership of Vice President Dick Zaragoza to recommend positions and prepare draft comments on the various aspects of the FCC’s broad proposals. That effort was not without some controversy within our ranks, but we strove mightily to avoid any partisanship and give the Commission the collective benefit of our membership’s substantial knowledge and experience. We also continued the efforts of prior administrations to broaden opportunities for leadership within the FCBA for women and minorities.

RICHARD R. ZARAGOZA (FCBA PRESIDENT 1989-90).

Q. Dick, what happened on your watch to finish out the 80’s?

A. What I found among so many members was not only a strong desire to give back to their profession by assuming leadership positions in the FCBA, but a deep desire to give back to the community where the FCC was

located and where so many of us worked. For me this meant starting the initiative to form a charitable foundation that would be affiliated with the FCBA and through which FCBA members could make a tangible difference in the lives of many District of Columbia residents. I challenged my Executive Committee to explore all aspects of such an initiative. Then FCBA Officers and Executive Committee members Sally Katzen, Kathleen Abernathy, Jim Smith, Ramsey Woodworth, Patricia Reilly, Ty Brown, Renee Licht, John Sturm, Jeff Baumann, Alan Campbell, White Rhyne, Tony Cook, Margot Humphrey, Clark Wadlow, Bill Potts were incredibly enthusiastic in their support, as was Michelle Plotkin who served as “my” Stan Zenor. Of course I am extremely proud that so many residents of the District of Columbia have over the years benefited and continue to benefit from the numerous good works of the FCBA Foundation.

Ramsey L. Woodworth is a former FCBA Executive Committee Member and Treasurer, and is currently Of Counsel to Irwin, Campbell & Tannenwald, PC.

In MEMORIAM

Martin Levy

Martin Levy, a prominent FCC official for over 30 years, died December 14, 2005. He was 85.

Levy, who joined the former Broadcast Bureau in 1948, rose to the position of deputy chief before he retired in 1979. His government service coincided with the development of television as the nation’s most important medium. He was instrumental in devising Commission policy and regulations in

such diverse areas as national and local station ownership, political advertising, the Fairness Doctrine and cable television.

Following his long stint at the FCC, he practiced for nine years with the firm of Cohn & Marks. He is remembered by longtime broadcast practitioners for his quiet modesty in addition to his intimate knowledge of broadcasting law. Frank Mullin, a past president of the FCBA, commented: “I thought he was the perfect public servant, dogged in

protecting his agency but always respectful of people like me who beleaguered him with their problems and questions. And when he said no he meant it.”

An Iowa native and World War II veteran, Levy returned after the war to earn a law degree with distinction from the University of Iowa before joining the FCC.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years and a son.

The 2005-2006 Foundation Board of Trustees



L to R: Mark Van Bergh (Chair), Maureen O'Connell, Amy Wolverton, Dee May, Paula Boyd, Jack Goodman, Praveen Goyal, Lee Petro (Assistant Treasurer) and Joe Di Scipio (Treasurer). Not pictured: Cara Voth (Secretary), Jim Coltharp, Laura Holloway, and Loretta Polk.

McKenna's Wagon Seeking Volunteers for February 26

McKenna's Wagon is a mobile soup and sandwich wagon that goes "on location" to deliver food to the needy. For those who have volunteered, it has been a wonderful experience and a great way to help the needy in the D.C. community.

The Wagon is a white van that is loaded up with sandwiches, snacks and soup. We meet at Martha's Table at 4:45 pm in comfortable clothes and shoes. Martha's Table is located in a yellow building at 2114 Fourteenth Street, NW, in the District, near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. On-street parking is available.

Upon arrival we get assignments (some of us will distribute snacks and sandwiches, others will serve soup), and put on aprons before we depart in the van to 5th and New York Ave., NW (near the new Convention Center). We are driven by one of our experienced volunteers and the trip to distribution location takes about 10-15 minutes.

We serve about 30-75 people per visit including a few mothers who come for food for their families. The area is well patrolled by police. The food distribution is conducted in an efficient, calm and orderly fashion and many of the people we serve are quite appreciative of our efforts. Once we serve all of the food, we do a clean up of the immediate area. Total time for the distribution takes about one hour and we usually return to Martha's Table by or before 6:30 pm.

We would love to have you join us on one of our upcoming food runs which are always on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you are able to volunteer for one of these dates, please send an e-mail to cara.voth@fcc.gov or tvanzazer@sidley.com.

Cable Practice Committee to Volunteer at Martha's Table

On Sunday, February 26, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., members of the FCBA's Cable Practice Committee will

be preparing and distributing food at Martha's Table, located at 2114 14th Street, N.W., in D.C., near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. The FCBA has been meeting monthly to volunteer at Martha's Table for many years. On the last Sunday of each month, one of the FCBA's Practice Committees takes the lead in staffing this volunteer effort. Volunteers are asked to food if possible, (e.g., cold cuts, bread, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables and potatoes) because the center often runs out of donated food. If interested in participating, please contact Frank Buono, Co-Chair, Cable Practice Committee: fbuono@willkie.com.

Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund for Law Students

In 1993 the Foundation established a Scholarship and Internship Fund in memory of former Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Robert E. Lee, who passed away in April 1993 after serving on the

FCC for almost thirty years. Chairman Lee served as a Commissioner of the FCC for 28 years and was instrumental in the early development of color television, among other contributions to federal communications policy.

For the 13th consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation will award stipends to law students from its Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund. In 2006, the

Foundation will award at least four \$3,000 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other government Agencies or entities with jurisdiction over the communications industry (i.e., broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellites and information technology).

Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) having secured or having pending, an unpaid summer position

(internship) in communications with government offices, (2) a demonstrated interest in the communications field, (3) dependence on financial assistance in order to accept an unpaid internship in a government agency involved in communications, and (4) involvement in community activities. Applications for a Lee Fund scholarship will be posted in the Foundation Section of the FCBA Website as of January 13, 2006 - www.fcba.org.

JOB Bank

TO RESPOND TO JOB BANK LISTINGS

If the employer is listed, send the information requested directly to the employer. If you are responding to a **BLIND BOX** listing, send **ONE COPY** of the information requested to Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101, or **EMAIL** it to fcba@fcba.org. Please clearly indicate the Blind Box number to which you are responding. If you are applying to a Blind Box, you may enclose a separate note to the FCBA specifying any organization to which you do not wish your application to be forwarded. Responses to Blind Box listings can be accepted only from FCBA members.

TO LIST A JOB

Complete a Job Bank Form and send or fax the Form and the appropriate payment to Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101. In addition, please email the text of the ad to fcba@fcba.org. Listings and payment received by the 10th day of each month will appear in the next month's newsletter. If possible, ads should not exceed 75 words. Please call the FCBA, (202) 293-4000, for a Job Bank Form. (No headhunters please).

LAW FIRM/CORPORATE

2.06.1

Experienced Attorney - Dynamic, well-established Washington, DC, boutique practice seeks motivated, experienced attorney (5+ years) for telecommunications/Internet-related practice. Excellent opportunity to counsel on policy and business issues. Friendly atmosphere. Superior writing, research and interpersonal skills a must. Industry and regulatory experience preferred. Submit resume, cover letter, writing sample and

references. Please note this is a Blind Box ad.

2.06.2

Associate, Regulatory Affairs - Primary responsibility: Monitor and analyze the regulatory and policy developments in the U.S. telecommunications sectors on a list of approved topics, including frequency spectrum management policy; Review decisions and orders of federal regulatory body (Federal Communications Commission), of important State Public Utilities Commissions (such as Illinois), and of other relevant governmental agencies; Review decisions of key judicial and legislative authorities in the U.S. such as the U.S. District Court for the First Circuit, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the U.S. Congress; Monitor the telecommunications and related industries on a daily basis and keep Vice President/General Counsel updated; Work closely with foreign parent company on issues of U.S. telecom regulation, including telecom licensing and other authorization processes; Prepare and deliver studies as follows: perform one in-depth study per quarter on one topic identified in coordination with the parent company; perform one monthly synthesis of important regulatory and policy decisions taken by key regulatory, judicial and legislative authorities in the U.S. with analysis of economical consequences for the U.S. telecommunications market and strategic players; provide a flash report of any key regulatory and policy decision made in the U.S. concerning a list of defined topics, with analysis of the impact of such decision on the North American telecommunications sector. Secondary responsibility: Monitor general regulatory and policy developments in the Canadian telecommunications sector by reviewing the CRTC website, and other publicly available Internet sources; Provide a flash report of any key decision in the Canadian telecommunications sector to parent company, and upon request perform a more in-depth study of any mutually agreed upon topic; Respond to other ad hoc inquiries from the parent company on

comparison of the U.S. telecom regulatory environment to European regulatory environment. Represent the company at meetings hosted by the Federal Communications Bar Association, policy institutes, industry associations, as requested by the VP & General Counsel; Develop and maintain relationships with members of the FCC, the legislative branch, telecommunications associations and industry representatives; Plan meetings for visiting delegations from the parent company. Qualifications: 2 to 4 years experience in regulatory and policy affairs position or comparable analytical position; telecom regulatory knowledge preferred; Bachelor's degree from accredited university; business or economics background preferred; excellent oral and written skills; demonstrated analytical reasoning ability; fluency in French language useful. Please email resume and cover letter to recruiter.newyork@ftna.com. This position is located in France Telecom's Washington, D.C. office.

2.06.3

Director of Legislative Affairs, Cablevision, Bethpage, Long Island - The Director of Legislative Affairs is responsible for coordinating the company's legislative priorities, positions and advocacy at the federal, state and local level, and working with counsel, consultants and senior executives within the company. Focusing on all issues that affect the company's media, broadband, cable, sports and entertainment assets, the Director will develop appropriate legal and policy expertise on matters affecting the business and advise on risks and opportunities in legislative proceedings. The Director should have exceptional writing and oral communication skills, be adept at distilling complex issues for different audiences, and skilled at organizing and coordinating strategies and materials. Additional helpful experience would include direct cable, media or broadband policy knowledge, legislative experience, and law degree. Send resumes to: Execrec@cablevision.com

JANUARY 20 Luncheon



Chairman Wiley



L to R: Jonathan Adelstein, Michael Powell, James Quello, Deborah Taylor Tate and Richard Wiley



L to R: Michele Farquhar, Michael Powell, Richard Wiley, James Quello, Alfred Sikes and Jonathan Blake.



Chairman Quello



Chairman Sikes

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Event Form*

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ Suite/Room/Apt. _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

CHECK THE EVENT(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING:

Wednesday, February 8 – CLE Seminar on the Return of the Tax Certificate and the Future of DE Credits, Hogan & Hartson Litigation Center, 555 13th Street, 6:00-8:15 p.m.
Cost: \$75.00 for Private Sector Members, \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Law Student Members, and \$125.00 for Non-members.
Registrations and cancellations due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2006

Monday, February 13 – FCBA Luncheon with State PUC Commissioners, Washington Court Hotel, Atrium Ballroom, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Noon
Cost: \$48.00 for private sector members, \$35.00 for government/academic members and \$70.00 for non-members. Tables of 10 available for \$480.00.
Registrations and cancellations due by Noon, Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Wednesday, February 15 – CLE Seminar on Universal Service, Wiley Rein & Fielding, LLP, 1776 K Street, NW, ground floor, 6:00-8:15 p.m.
Cost: \$75.00 for Private Sector Members, \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Law Student Members, and \$125.00 for Non-members.
Registrations and cancellations due by Noon, Monday, February 13, 2006

Thursday, February 16 – CLE Seminar on FCC Regulation of New Technologies, Dow Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, 6:00-8:15 p.m.
Cost: \$75.00 for Private Sector Members, \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Law Student Members, and \$125.00 for Non-members.
Registrations and cancellations due by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Wednesday, February 22 – Wireless Luncheon, Sidley Austin, 1500 K Street, 6th Floor, Noon
Cost: \$15.00
Registrations and cancellations due by Noon, Friday, February 17, 2006

Friday, March 3 – Wireless Luncheon, Sidley Austin, 1500 K Street, 6th Floor, Noon
Cost: \$15.00
Registrations and cancellations due by Noon, Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Wednesday, March 15 – CLE Seminar on Economic Analysis and FCC Decision Making, Hogan & Hartson, 555 13th Street, NW, 13th Floor, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Cost: \$95.00 for Private Sector Members, \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Law Student Members, and \$150.00 for Non-members.
Registrations and cancellations due by Noon, Friday, March 10, 2006

\$ _____ Total Enclosed Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit card no. _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE DAY OF THE EVENT. PHONE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO: Ann Henson, Federal Communications Bar Association, Fax: (202) 293-4317

CLE CREDIT: FCBA will be requesting accreditation from the State Bars of Virginia and California for continuing legal education credit. If approved, forms for Virginia and California will be available at the Seminar Registration Desk. Please note that FCBA does not obtain CLE credit for other states. The FCBA will, however, assist with applications to other states, but attorneys must apply individually for credit courses and submit any forms and payments necessary directly to the state bar. The number of credits corresponds with the number of hours of course time, i.e., a two-hour seminar equals 2.0 hours of credit.

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COMMUNICATIONS LAW 101 CLE Seminar Registration

Tuesday, February 28, 2006
1:00 - 6:30 p.m.

WILEY REIN & FIELDING CONFERENCE CENTER
1776 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC

Name _____ Organization _____
Address _____ Suite/Room/Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$125.00 government, non-profit, law student FCBA members rate
_____ \$195.00 corporate or private sector FCBA members rate (including lawyers and paralegals)
_____ \$295.00 non-member rate
\$ _____ Total Amount

Approximately 3.75 CLE credits will be available.

Two ways to register:

FAX
(CREDIT CARD REGISTRANTS ONLY):
(202) 293-4317

Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit card no. _____

Exp. date _____

MAIL
SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO "FCBA":

1020 19th Street, N.W.
Suite 325
Washington, D.C. 20036

Signature _____

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006.
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CLE CREDIT: FCBA will be requesting accreditation from the State Bars of Virginia and California for continuing legal education credit. If approved, forms for Virginia and California will be available at the Seminar Registration Desk. Please note that FCBA does not obtain CLE credit for other states. The FCBA will, however, assist with applications to other states, but attorneys must apply individually for credit courses and submit any forms and payments necessary directly to the state bar.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA COMPANIES *Registration*

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

COVINGTON & BURLING CONFERENCE CENTER
1201 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW
WASHINGTON, DC

Name _____ Organization _____
Address _____ Suite/Room/Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$50.00 government, non-profit, law student FCBA members rate

_____ \$125.00 corporate or private sector FCBA members rate and ABA Communications Law Forum members

_____ \$200.00 non-member rate

\$_____ Total Amount

CLE credits will be available.

Two ways to register:

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Credit card no. _____

Exp. date _____

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Signature _____

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MENTORING LUNCHEON *Registration Form*

Wednesday, March 22, 2006
Noon – 2:00 p.m.

ARNOLD & PORTER LLP
555 12TH STREET, NW, 10TH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Name _____ Organization _____
Address _____ Suite/Room/Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR AREA OF INTEREST:

_____ law firm _____ wireless _____ wireline
_____ public sector _____ cable _____ international
_____ media _____ legislative _____ I.P. communications

Two ways to register:

FAX
(CREDIT CARD REGISTRANTS ONLY): _____ \$20.00 for all attendees
(202) 293-4317
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1020 19th Street, N.W.
Suite 325
Washington, D.C. 20036
Exp. date _____
Signature _____

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006. SPACE IS LIMITED, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Calendar

February 3-4	National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition
February 6	Columbia Institute for Tele-Information/FCBA “The Telecommunications Act of 1996” program, Washington, D.C.
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February 16	CLE Seminar on FCC Regulation of New Technologies
February 16	FCBA Executive Committee Meeting
February 16	New York Chapter Breakfast on Broadband Over Powerlines
February 19-20	Silicon Flatirons Digital Broadband Migration Conference, Boulder, CO
February 21	Mass Media Practice Committee Brown Bag Lunch
February 22	International Telecommunications Practice Committee Brown Bag Lunch
February 22	Wireless Telecommunications Practice Committee Luncheon
February 26	Volunteer for McKenna’s Wagon
February 26	Cable Practice Committee to volunteer at Martha’s Table
February 28	CLE Seminar - Annual Communications Law 101
February 28	YLC Happy Hour at Restaurant Kolumbia
March 3	Wireless Telecommunications Practice Committee Luncheon
March 15	CLE Seminar on Economic Analysis and FCC Decisionmaking
March 16	FCBA Executive Committee Meeting
March 22	Mentoring Luncheon
March 28	ABA/FCBA CLE Seminar on Privacy and Data Security
March 30	International Telecommunications Practice Committee Brown Bag Lunch
May 5-7	Annual Seminar at the Greenbrier Resort and Spa – White Sulphur Springs, WV
June 14	FCBA 70th Anniversary Celebration – Corcoran Gallery of Art

Heidi Kurtz Announces Resignation

Heidi Kurtz, the FCBA’s Deputy Director, is leaving the Association on February 28th after seven years of service. Well known to all FCBA members, Heidi has worked with members, committees and chapters on various events, functions and CLE seminars, and with the Foundation on the annual Charity Auction and golf

tournament. She also managed the monthly FCBA News, making certain that members were informed of upcoming FCBA events throughout the year. Heidi’s dedication and expertise will be greatly missed by the FCBA staff, Executive Committee, Foundation, and the membership at large. It is never easy to lose a key staff member but we

all wish Heidi the best as she moves to new career challenges.

Members are encouraged to look at the job announcement and position description posted on the FCBA web site at www.fcba.org, and to refer this information on to individuals who are qualified and interested in the position.

Announcing an Ad Hoc Committee on Remote Access

There have been increasing requests for remote connection to D.C.- based events in recent months. To address these requests, the Executive Committee and Chapter

Representatives are forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Remote Access to explore various technologies and options to better serve our members outside of Washington. If you are

interested in participating on this committee or have any ideas you would like to share, please contact Rick Whitt - rick@netsedgeconsulting.com or Bill Levis billlevis@yahoo.com.