6th Annual Communications Law 101 on February 8

On the afternoon of February 8, 2005, the FCBA will present its annual Comm Law 101 CLE Seminar, from 2:00-6:00 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 help attendees advance their careers in communications law by providing practical advice in the following areas of communications law practice: litigation and enforcement, advocacy and policy, and transactional. The Registration Form is on page 15 of this newsletter.

COMM LAW 101 AGENDA

The Practical Basics for a Career in Communications Law

FEBRUARY 8, 2005
2:00 – 6:00 PM
WILEY REIN & FIELDING,
1776 K STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C.

2:00-2:10 pm
WELCOMING REMARKS

Transactional Practice Committee to host January 26 CLE Seminar

A CLE program will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, on An Overview of Contract Drafting. The program will be held at the offices of Dow Lohnes and Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. The program is worth two CLE credits.

The two-hour program will feature a basic overview of contract drafting, including general structure and drafting tips, followed by an in-depth discussion of provisions of interest, including arbitration, non-compete, choice of law, and termination provisions. Speakers to be announced. More details will be sent to the membership via e-mail. Registration is on page 13 of this newsletter.

Congressman Charles “Chip” Pickering to Speak at January 26 FCBA Breakfast

Congressman Charles “Chip” Pickering, Vice Chairman of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, will be our featured guest speaker at the Wednesday, January 26 breakfast at the J.W. Marriott hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Registration information is on page 13 of this newsletter. Please note these other luncheon/breakfast series events: February 16 - Luncheon with Mel Karmazin, CEO of Sirius Satellite Radio, and March 16 - Luncheon with FCC Commissioner Copps.
DEAR MEMBERS:

The holiday season is an appropriate time to highlight the contributions the FCBA Foundation makes to the Washington community, and at the same time explain how the Foundation’s activities benefit the Association and its members.

Last spring the Foundation awarded $104,000 in college scholarships to nine students at four DC public high schools. This is up from $82,000 awarded to seven local students in 2003. As is evident from the video produced each year featuring the scholarship winners, this program has been the factor that has made it possible for many of the recipients to attend college.

Much of the scholarship money was raised through the purchase of sponsored tables at the Chairman’s Dinner. This year the total proceeds to the Foundation from that event were $39,500. The Foundation’s annual golf tournament, the Charity Auction, plus corporate and individual giving have increased the Foundation’s total budget to $230,000.

The Foundation provides stipends for law students who take summer internships at the FCC or other government entities. This past summer five law students received a total of $15,700 through this program. A total of $10,600 was awarded to four interns for the summer of 2003. This program fosters interest in the communications law field, and helps broaden the local internship opportunities to students from law schools outside the DC area.

The Foundation also sponsors monthly participation by our members at both Martha’s Table and McKenna’s Wagon, volunteer organizations that serve Washington’s homeless population. And, the Foundation has sponsored a holiday gift drive under which over the past nine years FCBA members and friends have donated thousands of dollars worth of gifts to 1,200 people in the Washington area.

This year’s Charity Auction, a joint venture with the Young Lawyers Committee, raised $70,000, all of which is going to the Charitable Coalition for Children with Cancer, a Washington, D.C. charity. And of course, much of the giving done for the Charity Auction is done by individual FCBA members and their employers, who each year come up with a wide range of valuable prizes that produce higher and higher bidding totals.

These charitable programs help define the FCBA and add significantly to our culture. Sponsoring college scholarships for needy students manifests the care our members have for the Washington community. And, the McKenna’s Wagon, Martha’s Table and holiday gift drive programs afford community service opportunities that go beyond giving money. Our members’ support of all of these Foundation programs makes us much more than just another trade organization. You might say the Foundation provides a different dimension, if not a changed identity for the FCBA, for our charitable side promotes a positive feeling about the association among our members. This, in turn, makes the association cohesive and attractive to volunteers. In this way, the Foundation not only provides meaningful service to the community; it also fosters the very volunteerism on which the FCBA depends to mount an ever-increasing number of events, whether they be charitable, educational or social. We thank Greg Vogt, this year’s Foundation board chair, his fellow trustees and the Foundation’s volunteers, for helping to move all of us forward.

Harry C. Martin
The Digital Broadband Migration: Rewriting The Telecom Act

CO-SPONSORED BY:
The Association of Denver Telecommunications Professionals
The Federal Communications Bar Association
Colorado Bar Association
Telecommunications Section
University of Colorado Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program

Date: Sunday, February 13th - Monday, February 14th, 2005
Time: Sunday, 9:00 - 6:30 p.m. and Monday, 8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location: University of Colorado School of Law, Lindsley Memorial Courtroom, 401 Kittredge Loop (Directions and Registration Information below.)

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. In enacting the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress instituted a regulatory model based on the traditional technology used to deliver voice telephony—and largely did not grapple with the implications of the Internet. This failure, along with the challenges of reforming the legacy model of spectrum policy and “re-missioning” the Federal Communications Commission, have led many to suggest that it is time to re-write the Telecom Act.

This conference will examine the issues left largely unaddressed by the Telecom Act: how to grapple with the advent of broadband and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP); how to reform spectrum policy; and how (and whether) the FCC can re-adjust its institutional mission. 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 Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, February 13th, 2005

9:00 - 9:30 AM REGISTRATION

9:30 - 9:45 AM WELCOME
Phil Weiser, Founder and Executive Director, Silicon Flatirons Telecom Program

9:45 - 10:45 AM OVERVIEW ADDRESSES
Lawrence Lessig, Professor of Law, Stanford University
Vint Cerf, Chairman of ICANN and SVP, Technology Strategy, MCI

10:45 - 11:45 AM OVERVIEW PANEL:
Vint Cerf, Dale Hatfield, Lawrence Lessig, Phil Weiser

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:15 - 3:15 PM THE IMPLICATIONS OF BROADBAND AND VOIP
Moderator: Peter Rohrbach
Presenters: Scott Marcus, David Reed, Kevin Werbach
Discussants: Bill Hunt, Douglas Sicker, Tim Wu

3:15 - 3:30 PM BREAK

3:30 - 5:30 PM SPECTRUM POLICY
Moderator: Mark Williams
Presenters: Gerald Faulhaber, Ellen Goodman, Jim Speta

Discussants: Preston Padden, Robert Pepper, Hon. Stephen Williams

5:30 - 6:30 PM RECEPTION

Monday, February 14th, 2005

8:45 - 9:00 AM INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Elizabeth Hoffman, President, University of Colorado

9:00 - 10:00 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Richard Notebaert, CEO, Qwest Communications, Inc.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM REFORMING THE FCC AND ITS MISSION
Moderator: Nort Cutler
Presenters: Alfred Kahn, Bryan Tramont, Molly Van Houweling
Discussants: Mark Cooper, Ray Gifford, Jon Nuechterlein

12:00 - 12:15 PM BREAK

12:15 - 2:00 PM LUNCH BANQUET:
THE DIGITAL BROADBAND MIGRATION: THE VIEW FROM COLORADO
LeRoy Williams, Colorado Secretary of Innovation and Technology

THE DIGITAL BROADBAND MIGRATION: TOWARD A NEW TELECOM ACT
Hon. Michael Powell, FCC Chairman

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Online registration NOT yet available for this conference.
Full Registration includes:
• Symposium Admission
• Attendance at the Final Lunch & Reception
• Copy of the Journal Symposium Issue

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SPECIAL EVENTS

CLE SEMINARS

BROADBAND MIGRATION
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REGISTRATION FEES:
Academic/Public Interest/Regulatory $250
Silicon Flatirons Members/CU Alumni $300
FCBA/DTP members $350
Regular $400
Add $100 to all registration rates after January 10, 2005

LOCATION:
University of Colorado at Boulder School of Law. Paid parking is available in the Euclid parking lot to the east of the University Memorial Center. Maps of campus and the surrounding area are available at: www.colorado.edu/directories/webmap.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

February 23 Luncheon CLE Seminar on Wireless Broadband

The Wireless Practice Committee will hold a CLE discussing new developments in wireless broadband, Wireless Broadband Issues and Hot Topics. The luncheon seminar will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, at the offices of Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, 1501 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served. Participants can earn two CLE credits.

The seminar will consist of two one-hour panels. The first session, will host a discussion by Lauren Van Wazer and John Branscome Co-Chairs of the FCC’s Broadband Wireless Access Task Force concerning the group’s efforts, followed by a discussion on new developments in broadband deployment from Carolyn Brandon, VP Policy, CTIA; Andrew Krieg, President, Wireless Communications Association International; and Rebecca Arbogast, VP Regulatory Strategy, Legg Mason. The second panel will specifically address the MDS(BRA)/ITFS band, and will include an overview of the service rules and recent FCC actions by David Furth, Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC, followed by commentary from Paul Sinderbrand, Partner, Wilkinson, Barker & Knauer; Donald J. Evans, Of Counsel, Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth; and Todd Gray, Partner, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson.

For further information, feel free to contact Adam Krinsky at (202) 383-3340. Registration information is located on page 13 of this newsletter.

Volunteer for Bread for the City on February 12

Mark your calendars now — next month is the FCBA volunteer date at the Bread for the City legal clinic, Saturday, February 12. It is a great opportunity to spend a few hours and get so much more in return. Clients are appreciative and you can actually learn some practical advice and talk to clients who are everyday people.

The FCBA’s Young Lawyers Committee organizes volunteers to spend three hours once a quarter helping lower income individuals through a clinic sponsored by the DC Bar. We co-volunteer with the DOJ Antitrust Division. Attorneys receive a half-hour overview/orientation beginning at 9:30 a.m. over bagels and juice. Volunteers are expected to assist clients only during the time they are at the clinic.

No special legal knowledge is needed — attorneys generally need to keep an eye out for potential legal issues while using their common sense to solve a myriad of questions and make referrals to other organizations. Experienced attorneys on-site will assist FCBA attorneys and other volunteers with any questions. Previous attendees have described this as “the most satisfying volunteer experience I’ve had as an attorney.”

You must either be a member of the DC Bar, have an application pending to the DC bar, or be an employee of the federal government to provide advice. Those who are not DC bar members, paralegals and law students are needed, however, to provide intake and triage. Law students can have the opportunity to sit in on advice sessions. Dress is casual, but respectful. Bring a pen.

The clinic is located at Bread for the City, 1525 7th St., NW Washington, D.C. Metro accessible on the Green line, Howard University Metro station, exit at 8th & R Streets. If you would like more information about the clinic, their web site is: http://www.breadforthecity.org/

When you arrive at the clinic, tell the clerk at the desk (if there is one), that you are a volunteer attorney. You should head upstairs. The attorneys’ room is up the stairs, on the second floor. Take a left and walk down the hall past the room with the copiers, the room is on the left.

Finally, we have never had any problems, but you may want to consider leaving valuables at home or in the car rather than bringing them inside. The room where volunteers sit is not locked and we cannot guarantee it will be continuously supervised.
COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER NEWS

Denver Chapter Changes Name to Rocky Mountain Chapter

It is official! As of December 21, the Denver Chapter of the FCBA changed its name to the Rocky Mountain Chapter in order to more accurately reflect the geographic location of its members. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Kurtz in the FCBA office.

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Save the Date: March 13 CTIA-FCBA Seminar

CTIA and the FCBA will co-host a four-hour CLE program on Sunday, March 13, 2005 in conjunction with CTIA’s Wireless 2005 convention and trade show in New Orleans.

The afternoon seminar will feature panels on litigation issues facing the wireless industry, transactional issues involving spectrum leases and MVNOs, tower siting and the new National Programmatic Agreement, and a review of CMRS regulatory compliance obligations. Further details will appear in upcoming FCBA Newsletters and in the show materials circulated by CTIA. More information coming soon!

COMM LAW AGENDA
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2:10-2:15 pm  OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF OPENING KEYNOTE

2:15-2:35 pm  OPENING KEYNOTE

2:35-3:25 pm  PANEL 1: LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT PRACTICE
Topics will include:
• Briefs and Oral Arguments: Making Your Case Effectively
• The FCC’s Complaint Processes
• Dealing with the FCC Enforcement Bureau
• Tricks of the Trade

3:25-3:40pm  BREAK

3:40-4:30pm  PANEL 2: POLICY AND ADVOCACY PRACTICE
Topics will include:
• Lobbying the FCC and the Hill: What Works and Why?
• Handling Bad Facts and Countering Opposing Arguments
• Addressing the Consumer Angle
• The Impact of Politics on Communications Policymaking

4:30-5:20pm  PANEL 3: TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICE
Topics will include:
• Developing Effective Negotiating Skills
• Writing a Good Contract
• Providing Legal Opinions/Closing the Deal
• The Impact of Evolving Competition Policy on Dealmaking

5:20-5:30pm  BREAK

5:30-5:35pm  INTRODUCTION OF CLOSING KEYNOTE

5:35-5:55pm  CLOSING KEYNOTE

5:55-6:00pm  CLOSING REMARKS
Chairman’s Dinner Draws a Crowd

The International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton was jammed with over 1,550 FCBA members and guests on December 2nd for the 18th Annual FCC Chairman’s Dinner honoring FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell.

This year’s special guests included FCC Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy, Kevin Martin, and Jonathan Adelstein, as well as Ambassador David Gross and Assistant Secretary Michael Gallagher.

After being introduced by FCBA President, Harry Martin, the Chairman gave a lively speech about some of the industry’s current events, as well as, recent FCC decisions. Following his speech, the Chairman prompted the now “traditional” video. This year’s theme was a mock version of Bravo’s “Inside the Actor’s Studio” show where Chairman Powell was interviewed by James Lipton.

Special thanks to co-chairs Margaret Tobey, Jennifer Warren, and Clark Wadlow, whose efforts helped make the dinner an overwhelming success.

The proceeds of the FCBA’s 15th Annual Charity in the amount of over $70,000 was announced by FCBA President, Harry Martin. This year’s auction recipient was The Charitable Coalition for Children with Cancer. Martin also announced that the FCBA Foundation would receive over $39,500 for their scholarship and internship fund from the proceeds of the sponsor’s tables sold at the dinner.

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Committee and Chapter Events

Common Carrier Practice Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch  
Date/Time: Wednesday, January 19, 12:15 p.m.  
Location: Hogan & Hartson L.L.P. Litigation Center, Moot Courtroom, 555 13th Street, N.W.  
Topic: The FCC’s Recent Remand Order on Unbundled Network Elements  
Speakers: Michelle Carey, Deputy Bureau Chief of the FCC’s Wireline Competition Bureau; Tom Hughes, SBC; Praveen Goyal, Covad Communications.  
RSVP to: Cecilia Burnett (cmburnett@hhlaw.com) by Friday, January 7th

International Telecommunications Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch  
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 11, 2005, 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Location: AT&T, 1120 20th St., NW Suite 1000  
Topic: An overview of the World Bank’s E-Development policy goals for assisting developing countries to integrate Information and Communication’s technologies (ICT) into the development agenda. The talk will focus on the comprehensive approach the Sri Lankan Government and the World Bank are taking to leverage ICT for the development of society as a whole. The $55 million Sri Lankan project aims to bridge the digital divide, bringing the benefits of the global knowledge economy to both the urban centers and rural poor of Sri Lanka, and jumpstart ICT diffusion. The project promotes the effective use of ICT as an enabler for development throughout the key sectors of the economy focusing on the following areas: 1) leadership, policy development and capacity building; (2) information infrastructure network and services including a network of telecenters; (3) e-government; and (4) innovative societal applications  
Speakers: Rob Stephens, Global Information & Communication Technologies (GICT) Policy Division, The World Bank and Dr. Nagy Hanna, Senior Advisor, Informatics Advisory Services, World Bank  
RSVP to: none required

Mass Media and Cable Practice Committees

Event: Brown Bag Lunch  
Date/Time: Thursday, January 13, 12:15 p.m.  
Location: Dow, Lohnes & Alberson, PLLC, Eighth Floor, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Topic: Joint Kid-Vid Brown Bag  
Speakers: Barbara Kreisman, Chief of the FCC’s Video Division and FCC attorneys Kim Matthews and Mary Beth Murphy will address the FCC’s recently released report and order on the children’s television obligations of digital broadcasters  
Other Info: Our speakers have requested that questions be submitted in writing prior to the presentation. Please forward any questions you may have for the panel to abobeck@nab.org by COB Tuesday, January 11th

State and Local Practice Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch and Seminar  
Date/Time: Thursday, January 27, Noon  
Location: Fleischman and Walsh, L.L.P., 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 600  
Topic: “Current State Regulatory Issues: An Update”  
Speakers: Commissioner Tom Pugh, Commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; Beth Keating, Attorney-Supervisor, Competitive Markets and Enforcement, Florida Public Service Commission; Robert Mayer, Director of Telecommunications, New York Public Service Commission; and Judge Tammy Cooper, Administrative Law Judge, Texas Public Utility Commission. These individuals are currently involved in cutting-edge issues currently before the state commissions  
For more info: Please contact Erick Soriano at (202) 939-7921 or esoriano@fw-law.com if you have any questions—all members welcome  
RSVP to: Wendy Parish, wendy@fcba.org

Wireless Telecommunications Practice Committee

Event: Luncheon  
Date/Time: Friday, January 14, 12:15 p.m.  
Location: Wiley Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, N.W.  
Topic: Meet the Deputy Chiefs and hear about WTB hot topics  
Speakers: Scott Delacourt, Cathy Seidel and Peter Tenhula, the Deputy Chiefs of the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
Cost: $15.00  
RSVP to: See registration form on page 13

Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch  
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 25, 2005, 12:15 p.m.  
Location: Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 1875 K Street, NW, Second Floor  
Topic: The Basics of IP-Television: Technology and Regulation  
Speakers: Engineers from the FCC’s Media Bureau will explain the underlying technology of video delivered via IP networks, and speakers from SBC Communications and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association will discuss what regulations, if any, apply or should apply to such video offerings  
For More Info: Jason Friedrich (jason.friedrich@dbr.com; (202) 354-1340) or Ryan Wallach (rwallach@willkie.com; (202) 303-1159).  

Judges Wanted for Moot Court Competition  

The National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Committee is seeking interested attorneys to serve as judges for the record-setting 16 law school teams that have signed up to participate in this season’s competition. Judges are needed to grade briefs and to judge the oral arguments that will be held at Catholic University on Friday, February 18, and Saturday, February 19, 2005. Because of the large number of teams this year, many judges are needed, so if you can help, please send an email to Eun Park, nattel2005@hotmail.com, indicated whether you would like to grade briefs, judge oral arguments, or both. Thanks you in advance for your interest and your participation in this season’s competition.

For More Info: Jason Friedrich (jason.friedrich@dbr.com; (202) 354-1340) or Ryan Wallach (rwallach@willkie.com; (202) 303-1159).
2004 Charity Auction a Success

The 2004 Charity Auction held on November 18, 2004, was the most successful to date, raising well over $70,000 for The Charitable Coalition for Children with Cancer.

The Charitable Coalition for Children with Cancer is comprised of four non-profit organizations with the shared goal of meeting the needs of children with cancer and their families in Washington, D.C. The four organizations that form this coalition are: Teardrops to Rainbows; the John Quadrino Foundation; The Inova Fairfax Hospital Pediatric Oncology Fund; and The Make-A-Wish Foundation. These organizations provide financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families through a variety of programs and services.

The winner of this year’s Grand Raffle Prize, a Sony flat screen television, was Kevin Reed of Dow Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC.

The planning committee co-chairs were Pam Slipakoff (chair), Ryan Wallach, Jason Friedrich, Steve Hitchcock, David Don, Cara Voth, Jason Scism, Edgar Class, and Jennifer Tatel.

Thanks also to sub-committee co-chairs:

- Rudy Baca – Cashier
- Pete Belvin – Cashier
- Chris Bjornson – Publicity
- Kenneth Carter – Prize Claim Table
- Pete Corea – Silent Auction
- Chris Fedeli – Prizes
- Paige Fronabarger – Raffle
- Cara Grayer – Prize Claim Table
- Chris Guttmann-McCabe – Cashier
- Chuck Keller – Prize Book
- Adam Kirschenbaum – Volunteers
- Billy Layton – Prize Claim Table
- Tony Lin – Raffle
- Shannon Lipp – Prize Claim Table
- Jennifer Manner – Publicity
- Elizabeth Mumaw – Silent Auction
- Natalie Riosman – Prizes
- Ray Rothermel – Cashier
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2004 CHARITY AUCTION

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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 twelfth 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 2005, 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 on the front page of the FCBA Website as of January 10, 2005 - www.fcba.org.

Volunteer for Martha’s Table and McKenna’s Wagon

Many of us are stretched for time these days, but why not consider spending a few hours on a Sunday to help the FCBA Foundation’s partner charities this holiday season? For several years now, the FCBA has been providing volunteers to Martha’s Table and McKenna’s Wagon. These organizations rely on the good work of our members each month, so grab a friend, colleague or family member and join your fellow FCBA volunteers!

On Sunday, January 30, members of the FCBA will help prepare meals for the homeless at Martha’s Table in the District of Columbia. Martha’s Table feeds hundreds of hungry, homeless adults and children on the streets of Washington daily, through its mobile soup kitchen. Children and friends are also welcome. We will begin at 10:00 am and work until 1:00 pm. 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. Volunteers are asked to bring sandwich fixings (bread and sandwich meat) with them, as the center often runs out of donated food. Future dates include February 27 and March 27, so mark your calendars now. For more information, contact Howard Weiss at 703-812-0471-weiss@fhhlaw.com or Chris Wood at 202-939-7903 - cwood@fw-law.com.

JANUARY BREAKFAST
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Chip Pickering hails from Laurel, Mississippi. Currently serving his fourth term representing Mississippi’s Third District, he was first elected to Congress in 1996, at the young age of 33. Chip serves as Vice Chairman of the House Energy & Commerce Committee and also serves on the Agriculture Committee. He is assistant majority whip in the House of Representatives.

Before coming to Congress, Chip pioneered the first full-time presence by a Southern Baptist missionary behind the Iron Curtain in Budapest, the capital of then communist Hungary. President George H. W. Bush appointed Pickering to the United States Department of Agriculture to bring economic and democratic reform to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Later, as a member of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott’s staff, and as a professional staff member on the Senate Commerce Committee, Chip helped shape the landmark Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Chip holds a bachelors degree in business administration from the University of Mississippi and a masters degree in business administration from Baylor University. He and his wife Leisha have five sons: Will, Ross, Jackson, Asher, and Harper. They reside on a small farm in rural Madison County.
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 Heidi Kurtz, Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101, or EMAIL it to heidi@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 Heidi Kurtz, Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101. In addition, please email the text of the ad to heidi@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).

CORPORATE/LAW FIRM

1.05.1 The Washington, D.C. office of a large, nationwide law firm seeks a junior level associate with 1-3 years experience in the telecommunications field. Applicant must have excellent academic credentials as well as the willingness and desire to join ongoing projects while broadening capabilities with existing clients. Excellent salary and benefits. Interested applicants should fax cover letter, resume and transcript to 202-955-5564 Attn: Recruitment Coordinator.

1.05.2 Telecommunications Associate - Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., a major national and international law firm with 26 offices worldwide, is seeking a dynamic and highly motivated Communications Associate with 1 to 3 years experience to join the communications group in our Washington, DC office. The ideal candidate will have experience in wireline and wireless communications regulatory issues. Satellite experience will be a plus. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey provides a collegial work environment, challenging work, and the opportunity for professional growth. We offer competitive salary and benefits. For immediate consideration, please send resume, cover letter and law school transcript to Ray Cannata, Regional HR/Legal Recruiting Manager, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., P.O. Box 407, Washington, DC 20044-0407, or fax (202) 626-6780. No phone calls please. Principals only. All inquiries will be held in strict confidence. Squire, Sanders is an equal opportunity employer.

1.05.3 Shaw Pittman LLP has an opportunity for an attorney with 2-4 years experience in Communications law. Preferred candidates would have broad experience in Media Bureau regulatory matters, including application and pleading practice, as well as some transactional experience. Telecom or satellite experience a plus. Applicants should have strong analytical and writing skills as well as excellent credentials and references. EOE. Send resume and transcript to Kathleen A. Kelly, Chief Recruiting Officer, Shaw Pittman LLP 2300 N Street, NW, Washington DC 20037.

1.05.4 The Washington, D.C., office of Morrison & Foerster LLP is seeking one or more mid-level associates to work in its Communications Practice Group. The ideal candidates will have excellent academic credentials, strong writing skills, and 3-5 years of experience practicing before the Federal Communications Commission in the wireless, media and/or satellite areas. Please send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, references and writing sample to Mr. Daniel J. Conway, Attorney Recruiting Manager, Morrison & Foerster LLP, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5500, Washington, DC 20006. Fax: (202) 887-0763; e-mail: dconway@mofo.com.

1.05.5 The T-Mobile USA Legal Department in Bellevue, WA seeks an experienced attorney to support the internal clients that manage relationships with other carriers. The Corporate Counsel - Carrier Relations is expected to have significant responsibilities in negotiating interconnection agreements with local exchange carriers. Counsel will work in conjunction with T-Mobile USA’s state government affairs department in arbitration and hearings relating to interconnection before state PUC/PSCs. Counsel will also negotiate contracts with other carriers, including IXCs, tandem providers, wireless carriers, and carriers providing private line services. Requirements: JD, 2-5 years experience in telecommunications law; Experience negotiating interconnection; Ability to work independently but closely with clients; Ability to prioritize numerous deals; In-house counsel or mid/large law firm experience. Please apply online at www.t-mobile.com/jobs job number 71762.

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1.05.6 The FCC Media Bureau, Policy Division, seeks a communications attorney with experience in cable, broadcast television and radio, and/or post-licensing satellite television matters. Applicants must have experience with current issues affecting these industries, such as the digital television transition and associated issues involving cable and satellite must carry and equipment compatibility; media public interest obligations, and broadcast-localism. The attorney will, among other things, draft documents, including formal Commission orders; provide expert advice in interpreting legal, policy, technical, and legislative matters related to proceedings handled by the Policy Division; and make recommendations regarding controversial or precedent-setting issues and associated rulemakings. Additional information about the position and instructions for applying are on the FCC’s website at http://www.fcc.gov/jobs/. Please note that two vacancy announcements are posted (number 05-027LS, for grades 14/15, and 05-026LS, for grades 13/14, but only one position is being filled. Applications must be submitted by January 5, 2005, or as indicated in the vacancy announcements on the website. Applicants may also contact Vanessa Lemme at (202) 418-2611 or by e-mail at Vanessa.Lemme@fcc.gov for further information.

INTERNSHIPS

The FCC’s Media Bureau, Policy Division is seeking Legal Interns for the Spring 2005 academic term, with a preferred start date in January 2005. Although an unpaid position, Legal Interns will have an opportunity to learn about the administrative process and substantive law by assisting senior legal staff in adjudicatory and rulemaking proceedings. The Policy Division of the Media Bureau conducts proceedings concerning broadcast, cable, and post-licensing Direct Broadcast Satellite issues. Law Student applicants should have excellent writing skills and have the ability to perform competent legal research. Hiring decisions will be made on a rolling basis, so interested students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Ben Bartolome, Esq., via e-mail at Ben.Bartolome@fcc.gov no later than January 18, 2005. For any questions about the position or the Policy Division, please contact Mr. Bartolome by e-mail or by phone at (202) 418-2394. Students can also apply directly through the FCC’s recently launched student internship page on its website at www.fcc.gov.
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CHECK THE EVENT(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING:

☐ Friday, January 14 Wireless Luncheon, NOTE LOCATION CHANGE – Wiley Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, NW, ground floor, 12:15 p.m.
Cost: $15.00
Registrations and cancellations due by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2005

☐ Wednesday, January 26 Breakfast with Congressman Pickering, J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
Cost: $40.00 for Private Sector Members; $30.00 for Government/Academic/Law Student Members; $55.00 for Non-Members
Registrations and cancellations due by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2005

☐ Wednesday, January 26 CLE Seminar on Contract Drafting, 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; $125.00 for Non-members
Registrations and cancellations due by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2005

☐ Wednesday, February 23 Lunchtime CLE Seminar on Wireless Broadband, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, 1501 K Street, NW, Washington D.C., Registration 11:00 a.m., Seminar 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Cost: $90.00 for Private Sector Members; $65.00 for Government and Academic Members, and $140.00 for Non-Members
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Tuesday, February 8, 2005
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Nominations Open for 2005 Elections

Pursuant to Article V, Section 20 of the Association’s Bylaws, the FCBA’s Nominations Committee is beginning the process of preparing the ballot for the 2005 annual election. Positions to be filled are: President-Elect; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Assistant Treasurer; Delegate to American Bar Association; Chapter Representative to the Executive Committee; three (3) members of the Executive Committee; three (3) members of the Nominations Committee; and five (4) FCBA Foundation Trustees.

The first step of this process is for members to notify the Nominations Committee of their interest in being nominated, or to recommend other members for consideration for nomination. Nominations should be sent to FCBA Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee, Alexandra M. Wilson, via email, alexandra.wilson@cox.com. Please give the name of the member to be considered for nomination and the office they are being recommended for by January 7, 2005.

The Nominations Committee will present a slate of nominations to the membership via email and the newsletter. At that point, members will have the option of making additional nominations as outlined in the Bylaws. Election ballots will be mailed to all members in early May.

Save the Date

the SBCA and the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) are going to sponsor a one-day Satellite Media LawFORUM at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, 8:30-4:00 p.m. More info coming soon!