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28th Annual FCBA Charity Auction a Huge Success!

On November 2, members from all corners of the communications bar gathered to raise money for Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders (SMYAL) and the FCBA Foundation. Thanks to great prizes, generous bidders, and celebrity emcees Julie Kearney and Ryan Wallach, the auction raised over \$125,000!

This year featured exciting one-of-a-kind prizes, including a dinner with NPR's *All Things Considered* host Ari Shapiro, tickets to a taping of *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert, and a reception with six former FCC Chairmen.

The highlight of the evening was the remarks given by SMYAL student Demontre. Demontre spoke of having hope again thanks to being a part of SMYAL's housing program, which provides individual case management, life skills, financial resources for food and transportation, as well as job and educational support and training. Demontre told how SMYAL's programming has taught him that he can achieve his dreams regardless of his life circumstances. Demontre is now pursuing a career in music (and recently auditioned for *American Idol*).

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FCBA Deans of the Bar Program on January 24

The FCBA's first "Deans of the Bar" event will be held on **Wednesday, January 24** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at Hogan Lovells, 555 13th Street, NW. The event will feature two panels, which will cover topics ranging from "how to stay current with the always-changing technology and media landscape" to "how to

transition between political administrations." Each panel will be moderated by a member of the FCBA's Young Lawyer's Committee or Diversity Committee. Keep an eye on your email for registration information, and reach out to Rachel Nemeth at rnemeth@cta.tech with any questions.

Upcoming Key Events

Engineering and Technical and Young Lawyers Committees Brown Bag Lunch

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PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR FELLOW FCBA MEMBERS:

Welcome to the holiday season! For me, the season begins with the Annual Chairman's Dinner. What more can one ask for than friends (more than 1,500 of them!), food, libation, and good regulatory humor? I look forward to seeing many of you at the "Telecom Prom" on December 7 at the Washington Hilton.



Each December, the FCBA partners with the Practising Law Institute (PLI) to host the renowned Institute on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation at the Washington Hilton. Warm thanks to **Scott D. Delacourt**, **Michele C. Farquhar**, and **Bryan N. Tramont** of the FCBA's Conference Planning Committee, who so capably serve as Institute Co-Chairs and bring together an impressive roster of government and industry speakers.

Congratulations to the Young Lawyers Committee, which raised \$125,000 in the 28th Annual FCBA Charity Auction on November 2! The generosity of FCBA members and friends is truly humbling. Photos and a full summary of the Charity Auction appear in this newsletter, so please keep reading.

Our New York Chapter hosted a lively meet and greet event with FCC Commissioner O'Rielly on November 29. John Heitmann joined Commissioner O'Rielly in an armchair discussion of the hottest regulatory issues. Thanks to New York Chapter co-chairs **Jameson Dempsey**, **Eric Fishman**, **J. Armand Musey**, **Michael Santorelli**, **Allen Zoracki**, and **Michael Alcamo** for welcoming the Commissioner to the Big Apple.

The FCBA is committed to diversity in our programming, speaker lineup, and membership. We welcome your input. Further, the FCBA's Diversity Committee Co-Chairs, **Brita Strandberg**, **Rudy Briocche**, **Nirali Patel**, and **Kyle Dixon** also welcome your suggestions. If you have ideas for programming and/or speakers (including yourself!), please contact Kerry Loughney (kerry@fcba.org) and me.

While some may dream of a long winter's nap, there is no napping at the FCBA. There are several events on the December calendar and plans are underway for an exciting, program-filled 2018, including our inaugural "Deans of the Bar" event on January 24.

Warmest holiday wishes from your FCBA! Please feel free to contact me at: jkearney@CTA.tech or 703.907.7644.

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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Engineering and Technical Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch co-hosted by the Young Lawyers Committee

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 6, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Wilkinson Barker Knauer, 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 800N

Topic: Understanding the Technical Basics Involved in FCC Regulation

Speakers: Ira Keltz, Principal – Engineering, DLA Piper, LLP; Sekoia Rogers, Legal Fellow, Fletcher Heald & Hildreth, PLC (moderator)

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Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 7, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

Topic: Meet the FCC's Chief Technology Officer

Speaker: Eric Burger, recently appointed by Chairman Pai as the FCC's newest chief technology officer, serves as an advisor to the Chairman and as the senior technology expert in the agency. The position is housed within the FCC's Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

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Intellectual Property Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Friday, December 8, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Mintz Levin, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 9th Floor

Topic: New Video Distribution Models and the Future of the Cable Compulsory Copyright License

Details: In March 2017, three years after the Supreme Court's decision that Aereo publicly performed copyrighted programming without a license, the 9th Circuit rejected FilmON's attempt to claim it was eligible for the compulsory copyright license available to cable companies. And on December 1, 2017, the Copyright Office published an NPRM proposing to codify this holding in its rules. Yet, companies are still attempting to find new ways to bring broadcast television to viewers. In August, YouTube and Sinclair announced an agreement to bring Sinclair's ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC affiliates to the streaming service. How does the compulsory license apply to new program distribution models and technologies? Should the compulsory licensing regime change to accommodate the new video distribution landscape?

Speakers: Regan Smith (Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Copyright Office); Michael Nilsson (Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP); Michael Kientzle (Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP); Ari Moskowitz (Mintz Levin) (moderator).

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Internet of Things Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch co-sponsored by the Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Date/Time: Monday, December 11, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: AT&T, 1120 20th Street, NW, 10th Floor

Topic: The Big Benefits of Smart Cities

Speakers: Kelsey Finch, Future of Privacy Forum; Sokwoo Rhee, Associate Director of Cyber-Physical Systems Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Greg Toth, IOT Dev Labs, Inc.; and Janine Dascenzo, General Counsel, Current by GE

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Mass Media Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 12, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: Biennial Broadcast Ownership Form Q&A

Speakers: Members of the Media Bureau's Industry Analysis Division, including Division Chief Brendan Holland; Assistant Division Chief Jake Riehm; Jessica Campbell; and Christopher Clark

Details: Come to hear an overview and ask questions about the newly updated Biennial Broadcast Ownership Forms 323 and 323-E. Practitioners are also encouraged to view in-person or online the FCC's Information Session on November 28 at 1pm at the FCC, prior to the opening of the filing window (December 1, 2017 – March 2, 2018).

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Location: National Association of Broadcasters, 1771 N Street, NW

Topic: Meet the Press/A View from the Fourth Estate

Speakers: Todd Shields, Bloomberg; Margaret Harding McGill, Politico; Monty Tayloe, Communications Daily; David McCabe, Axios; Dennis Wharton, NAB (Moderator)

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Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Friday, January 19, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: The FCC recently adopted an Order authorizing television stations' voluntary transition to the ATSC 3.0 transmission

standard. Panelists will discuss the ATSC 3.0 transmission standard, its implementation, and what it means for the television industry.

Speakers: Martha Heller, Chief, Policy Division, Media Bureau, FCC; Julie Kearney, CTA; Anne Schelle, Pearl TV; John Lawson, AWARD Alliance

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Wireless Telecommunications Committee

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Join the FCBA on Facebook and Twitter!

Did you know that FCBA has a Facebook page and Twitter account? The FCBA Social Media Committee invites you to "Like" and "Follow" our pages today to be in the loop for upcoming events, share fun pictures of your FCBA friends and colleagues, and grow your social media network! Come join the conversation! Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CommunicationsBar/> - Twitter: @FCBALaw

Atlanta Chapter Hosts Successful CLE Program on November 2

The FCBA Atlanta Chapter hosted a lunch-and-learn CLE on cybersecurity law and policy on November 2 at the offices of Cox Enterprises. Clete Johnson and Brian Murray of the Washington, DC office of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP spoke on “Your Company’s Networks -- 21st Century Battlefields, Espionage Platforms and Crime Scenes: Cyber Threats, Policy Risks, and What You Can Do About It.” The program covered the severe and increasing cyber threats posed by specific nation states and organized crime groups; threat trends that matter to private sector companies of all types and sizes; an overview of the policy, regulatory, and legal environment regarding cybersecurity and data privacy;



and practical tips. The CLE was well attended by approximately 20 Atlanta-area attorneys in the cable, telecom, media, and utilities sectors. Thank you to Joiava Philpott, Atlanta Chapter Co-Chair,

for hosting the event and to Joshua Pila, Atlanta Chapter Co-Chair, for arranging for Meredith Broadcasting to sponsor the cost of CLE credit for the event.

Interested in Hosting an FCBA event?

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

In general, we need conference rooms that can seat at least 30 people at tables for brown bag lunches and committee meetings and conference rooms that can seat at least 60 people theatre style for CLE seminars. Firms and companies hosting brown bag lunches provide beverages and desserts; firms and companies hosting CLE seminars provide beverages and snacks. Brown bag lunches are generally held from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. and CLE seminars are generally held from 12:00 – 2:15 p.m., 3:00 – 5:15 p.m., or 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Additionally, for CLE seminars we need facilities that can provide technology support for microphones for as many as six speakers on a panel, the ability to tie the house sound system into a teleconference bridge, and video projection capabilities for PowerPoint presentations. If your firm or company has the needed conference room facilities and capabilities and would be willing to host future FCBA activities, please email **Kerry Loughney**, kerry@fcba.org.

The FCLJ is Looking for Articles

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

To Update Your Membership Contact Information

We'd like to remind everyone that if they have any changes to their contact information that they notify the FCBA, megan@fcba.org. In order to keep a cohesive look to both our online and hard copy directories, we do not allow members to make any changes to their contact information themselves. Also note that we do not include prefixes or titles in any of our member listings. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.



Seventh Annual Mentoring Supper

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Eighth Annual Mentoring Supper

Calling all young lawyers, law students and lawyers in transition! Register today for the **Eighth Annual Mentoring Supper** from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 8, 2018**. This popular, joint program of the FCBA's **Young Lawyers Committee** and the Women's Bar Association's **Communications Law Forum** will be held at Hogan Lovells US LLP, Columbia Square, 555 Thirteenth Street, NW. Space is sure to be limited, so don't wait! Register at www.wbadc.org.

The Eighth Annual Mentoring Supper is an opportunity for young lawyers, law students and lawyers in transition to interact with distinguished members of the communications bar while enjoying a catered dinner. Mentees will converse with mentors in groups of five, allowing for substantive discussions about career development and related topics. An outstanding roster of experienced lawyers have agreed to serve as mentors for this program, representing an incredible breadth of private and public businesses, federal agencies, large and boutique private law firms, trade associations, and non-profits.

Confirmed mentors include:

Joan Marsh & Stacy Fuller, AT&T; Karen Brinkmann, Karen Brinkmann PLLC; Elizabeth Cuttner, Cinnamon Mueller; Ryan Wallach & Kathryn Zachem, Comcast; Julie Kearney & Rachel Nemeth, Consumer Technology Association; Laura Possessky, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Ann Bobeck, Matthew DelNero & Yaron Dori, Covington & Burling; Barry Ohlson, Cox Enterprises; Krista Witanowski, CTIA; Lee Petro & Laura Phillips, Drinker Biddle; Brett Freedson, Eckert Seamans; Rachael Bender, Micah Caldwell, Brendan Carr, Justin Faulb, Nese Guendelsberger, Rosemary Harold, Jennifer Holtz, Jean Kiddoo, Olga Madruga-Forti, Lynne Milne & Nirali Patel, FCC; Joseph Di Scipio, Fox Television; Neil Chilson & Svetlana Gans, FTC; Darah Franklin, Google; Christopher Wright, Harris Wiltshire; Mark Brennan, Michele Farquhar, Ari Fitzgerald, Trey Hanbury & Sean Spivey, Hogan Lovells; Rebekah Goodheart & Johanna Thomas, Jenner & Block; Laura Mow, The Law Office of Laura C. Mow; Jenell Trigg, Lerman Senter; Jennifer Warren, Lockheed Martin; Angela Giancarlo, Mayer Brown; Erin Dozier, National Association of Broadcasters; Margaret Tobey, NBCUniversal; Jennifer Duane, NTIA; Gigi Sohn, Open Society Foundations; Sherrese Smith, Paul

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Dinner is included in the registration fee. Through February 5, the discounted registration fee is \$15 for a student, FCBA or WBA member. The fee is \$25 for a non-member. After February 5, the registration fee increases by \$5 to \$20 or \$30 respectively. To receive the discounted price, enter the promo code FCBAMENTOR at checkout when registering at www.wbadc.org or when calling the Women's Bar Association office at 202-639-8880.

The Young Lawyers Committee and the Communications Law Forum appreciate the financial and logistical support of **Hogan Lovells US LLP**, Signature Sponsor of the Eighth Annual Mentoring Supper.

Friday, February 9 – Saturday, February 10 National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition

The Law & Technology Institute and the Moot Court Association of the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, together with the Federal Communication Bar Association (FCBA) are pleased to announce that the **24th Annual National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition** will be held on **February 9-10, 2018**, at the Columbus School of Law in Washington, DC.

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MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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The National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition provides students the opportunity to argue before private and government practitioners in the communications field. Past judges have included former FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, First Amendment advocate Robert Corn-Revere, former FCBA President Christopher Wright, and Google Director of Communications Law and former FCC General Counsel Austin Schlick. Each year, the competition problem, which is written by members of the FCBA, is “ripped from the headlines” of current technology, intellectual property, and telecommunications issues. Past topics have included consumer privacy of personal information, copyright protection of pre-1972 musical performances, and the enforcement of broadcast indecency standards.

We expect the competition problem to be released in mid-December 2017.

For more information, please visit <http://www.law.edu/mootcourt/National-Telecomm-competition.cfm>.

2018 FCBA Annual Seminar to be held at Kingsmill Resort May 4 – 6 ~ SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join your colleagues at Kingsmill Resort for the 2018 FCBA Annual Seminar on May 4-6. Watch for program details in the coming months.

Steeped in a tradition of gracious Southern hospitality, Kingsmill heralds a rich history dating back to Colonial America. The land located along the banks of the James River was considered a permanent base by the first Englishmen on May 12, 1607. They decided to settle at Jamestown



Kingsmill Resort



Busch Gardens

the next day. Located in the heart of Virginia's Historic Triangle, it should come as no surprise that the land now known as Kingsmill featured a bustling plantation from 1619 through the 1800s.

Kingsmill is situated on 2,900 protected acres along the James River, 150 miles from downtown Washington, DC. The resort offers many unique experiences. To learn more about Kingsmill and its many amenities and activities, go to: <https://www.kingsmill.com/>.

Williamsburg offers tons of exciting adventures and activities. You can step back in time and relive the days of Colonial Virginia, go to Busch Gardens, or explore a variety of shops and boutiques.

We hope you join us for the 2018 FCBA



Colonial Williamsburg

Annual Seminar!

Committee and Chapter Sign-Up

If you would like to sign up for or update the committee(s)/chapter(s) you are on, fill out the form on [page 17](#) of this newsletter or [click here](#) and send it back to the FCBA, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036, fax: 202-293-4317, or email: megan@fcba.org.

28th Annual FCBA CHARITY AUCTION

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“Being named a beneficiary of the FCBA Charity Auction will allow SMYAL to take a leap forward in our work to support LGBTQ youth,” said Sultan Shakir, Executive Director of SMYAL. “The FCBA’s support will allow SMYAL to provide much needed resources to combat the epidemic of youth homelessness, as well as continue to reduce bullying and harassment of LGBTQ youth in schools in DC, Maryland and Virginia.”

This year’s auction was successful thanks to the work of several individuals, particularly Auction Chair, Sean Spivey. In addition, this year’s sponsors made this event possible: AT&T Services, Inc., Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, Consumer Technology Association (CTA)TM, Cooley LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, CTIA, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, DISH Network, Google, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Keller and Heckman LLP, T-Mobile US, Inc., Verizon, Wiley Rein LLP, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

The auction also depends on donors and attendees, as well as those who purchase raffle tickets. We raised almost \$18,000 from raffle sales, with FCBA member Lynne Milne selling 275 tickets alone! Another important component of the auction is the online auction, where bidders purchased items like Disney vacation packages and lift tickets to local ski resorts.

Finally, the hard work of volunteers is a vital part of the auction’s success. Thanks to the many young lawyers and law students who donate their time and efforts to planning a wonderful night, soliciting prizes and organizing the event.

Thanks to everyone who attended, participated, volunteered, and donated to this year’s Charity Auction. We look forward to the 29th annual Charity Auction next year!



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Photos by Mark Van Bergh

Thank you to the 28th Annual Charity Auction Committee and the sponsors and members who gave prizes, volunteered their time, and bid on the various items up for auction. It was an amazing night and a marvelous success. You have made all of us very proud.

-The FCBA Executive Committee and the FCBA Foundation Board of Directors

28th Annual FCBA CHARITY AUCTION

The FCBA would like to thank those who helped make the 28th Annual Charity Auction a huge success!

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Get to Know an FCBA MEMBER

Ron Siegel

By: Laura Phillips

Ron Siegel is a partner in the law firm of Cohn and Marks, LLC. He has well over 40 years' varied and extensive experience in communications law, with a practice that includes representation of broadcast, cable and other media, as well as programmers and telecommunications companies. Over the years Ron has played a major role regarding the legal and strategic issues involved in the relocation of TV broadcast facilities, such as moving broadcasters from the Empire State Building to the original World Trade Center.



Among his many firsts, Ron was instrumental in the development of the concept of telecommunications satellite centers-office parks (teleports) and the establishment of the world's first teleport at Staten Island, New York. Ron created and was General Counsel of the Airport Communications Association, which included virtually all major U.S. airports and allowed for the organized exchange of information about the development of sophisticated communications systems and other communications-related matters among airports. He provided advice to overseas governmental and private entities in developing communications policies and strategies in their countries and geared towards entering communications-related ventures in the U.S. He was involved in the development of innovative concepts such as tunnel radio and electronic toll collection (E-ZPass). Ron also is one of the very few lawyers to be inducted into the Cable TV Pioneers. Ron's other distinction is that he has never (yet) lost a contested case in his long career (no jinx intended).

In terms of FCBA firsts, Ron was the first Chairperson of the Federal Communications Bar Association Cable Practice Committee. While these facts only scratch the surface, I was delighted to have lunch with Ron and compare notes on a long and fascinating career in communications.

Q: What attracted you to the field of communications law?

A: I went to undergraduate and law school at the University of Michigan. In my undergraduate years, I took a course in business law headed by a marvelous professor, someone whose class you would really look forward to attending. This got me interested in law, generally.

In my senior year at University of Michigan law school, two FCC representatives, Henry Geller and Martin Levy, visited campus on a recruiting trip. They were very enthusiastic about the field of communications and told me that if I accepted the position, they would develop an honors programs competitive with that of the Justice Department, where I also had an offer. So I ended up being the first honors hire

at the FCC. They also promised that I would work for about six months on broadcast-related matters and then be able to join the General Counsel's Office, where I would be briefing and arguing cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals. This sounded so great that I was sold and they kept their promises. After a little more than two years at the FCC where I prepared and presented cases before the federal courts, developed FCC rules and policies governing the cable and broadcast industries and handled contested cable and broadcast cases, I was offered and accepted a job at Cohn and Marks. While it was tough to leave my great FCC mentors, I have happily spent the last 50 or so years practicing communications law at the firm.

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

A: My long range goal was to be in private practice, but I wanted to start my career with a government position. That happened when I joined the FCC and I was given nearly immediate responsibilities in the General Counsel's office to argue appeals. I certainly had not expected to be briefing and arguing cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals within less than one year after graduating law school, but the FCC allowed me to do so. Loving what I was doing as a very young lawyer at the FCC, and having the Chairman of the FCC come congratulate me personally for a great oral argument or case result was really special. It was a most difficult decision to depart the agency to join Cohn and Marks. But I made the move and have been with the firm ever since. So things went essentially as planned.

Q: Can you share with us what your most challenging project or issue was?

A: It is hard to pinpoint just one project as I had many challenging, unique and even bizarre cases and projects over the course of my career. I've had the opportunity to play major roles in the development of a number of what were then new concepts such as teleports, tunnel radio, electronic toll collecting, then called E-ZPass, as well as to serve as counsel on communications-related matters relating to the construction of the original World Trade Center. Among my most memorable and challenging experiences, however, were cases outside of my areas of expertise, including appeals of criminal convictions, appeals of adverse rulings of state unemployment compensation agencies and defending individuals in actions brought by the Federal Election Commission.

Q: What is something or someone that has surprised or impressed you during your career and why?

A: The attorneys that took me under their wings as a young lawyer and taught me so much made a major

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impression on me. These included Henry Geller and some administrative law judges at the FCC and Marcus Cohn, Leonard Marks and Paul Dobin of Cohn and Marks, all of whom were outstanding attorneys. I tried to model my approach to law on lessons learned from these attorneys. I am also very proud that many of clients over the years who became really close friends. Over time, I also have been impressed by other members of the communications bar whom I have encountered over the course of my career and with whom I shared information and friendship.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: My reading habits are somewhat unusual. I enjoy reading about as many areas of the law, not just communications law that I can get my hands on. I also read a voluminous number of publications and journals on medical-related matters.

Q: Can you share a prospective on pitfalls to avoid or other career

advice for those who are just getting started in the communications field?

A: The biggest thing I learned is not to always follow traditional approaches, but rather think outside of the box. Whenever I get a complex case, particularly one where the odds are against you, the first thing I think of is what theory I can develop that perhaps no one else has tried. With so much changing and evolving in the communications field, this is fertile ground for new ideas and approaches. I encourage all attorneys new to the field to resist the urge to go to with a traditional approach to new issues, but instead to embrace conceptual thinking as a positive framework for problem solving.

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

A: I am and continue to be an avid fisherman and I continue my travels to many fishing locations in the U.S. and Central America. In my younger days, basketball was my passion. Now, I have to settle for tennis.

I also collect antique slot machines from the mid-1800s to early 1900s and at one time had over 200 working payout slots in my basement, many penny machines, which was real money back in those days!

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

A: I have been an FCBA member for over 50 years. This has allowed me to meet and establish long-standing relationships with others in the communications field. I have also attended numerous FCBA seminars, brown bag lunches and events which greatly contributed to my knowledge of many diverse aspects of communications law. I thank the FCBA for the privilege of being a member and allowing me to take advantage of all of their benefits.

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