

Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

Nominations for the 2014 FCBA Election

Pursuant to Article V, Section 20 of the Association's Bylaws, the FCBA Nominations Committee is beginning the process of preparing the ballot for the 2014 annual election. Positions to be filled are: President-Elect; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Assistant Treasurer; Chapter Representative to the Executive Committee; three (3) members of the Executive Committee; three (3) members of the Nominations Committee; and four (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, **Laura Phillips**, via email to **Laura.Phillips@dbr.com**. Please give the name of the member to be considered for nomination, a brief statement about why the individual is being nominated, and the office they are being recommended for by **Wednesday, January 15, 2014**.

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



Omni Homestead Resort

2014 FCBA Annual Seminar ~ May 16 – 18 Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars now and join your colleagues at the 2014 FCBA Annual Seminar at the Omni Homestead Resort. The Homestead has just created a new water park, Alleghany Springs, with hot springs-fed water slides, a lazy river, and a waterfall to float through. The remodeled Spa, which has been re-branded as the Canyon Ranch SpaClub, features new treatment rooms, an expanded menu of treatment options, a private outdoor pool and

lounging area, and a hot spring-fed mineral bath. Also new at the Homestead is the Mini Cascades Miniature Golf course for family fun, designed as a miniature version of their famous Cascades course. In addition to the main dining room, famous for its daily brunch, the resort has several new restaurants and bars, including the Canyon Ranch Café. The new Homestead offers more of everything for guests to enjoy.

This Month's Key Events

Wireline Brown Bag Lunch

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Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Brown Bag Lunch

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and Homeland Security Bureau Chief, Rear Admiral (ret.) David Simpson ▶ SEE PAGE 4

Intellectual Property, Mass Media, and Video Programming and Distribution CLE

Date/Time: Monday, January 27, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW Topic: Social Media Legal Issues for Traditional Media Companies ► SEE PAGE 3

New York Chapter Networking Reception

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PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR MEMBERS:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a peaceful and restful holiday season.

As the calendar turns to 2014, the FCBA starts the second half of its fiscal year. We had a very successful 2013 with a record setting Chairman's Dinner and Charity Auction, eight CLEs, monthly brown-bag lunches, and numerous Chapter events. None of this is possible without your time and efforts and that of the marvelous FCBA staff.

Each New Year, we begin the process of seeking members who would like to take a larger role in leading the FCBA. **Laura Phillips**, FCBA Immediate Past President, has already convened the Nominations Committee and the nominations process is underway. We rely heavily on the FCBA membership to identify potential new leaders, so please contact Laura (**lphillips@dbr.com**) or any member of the Nominations Committee with candidate ideas. As a general matter, the Nominations Committee looks for active involvement in the FCBA over a period of years.

We have a number of events planned for the first of 2014. In addition to brown-bags and CLES, we will have a lunch with FCC Commissioner O'Rielly, at least two receptions, the FCBA Annual Seminar, and the FCBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon. In addition, just around the corner is the Annual Moot Court Competition set for February 21-22. Volunteer opportunities abound to judge both briefs and oral arguments.

Also, under the leadership of **Mark Schneider**, the FCBA Foundation Internship Stipend, College, and Law School Scholarship programs are well underway. See **page 8** for a message from Mark and information about these programs. Thank you to the Foundation Board for all of their dedication and hard work so far this year!

Thank you again to each of you for your involvement in the FCBA. Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous 2014!

Joe Di Scipio





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CLE Seminars

Monday, January 27, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Social Media Legal Issues for Traditional Media Companies

The FCBA Intellectual Property, Mass Media, and Video Programming and Distribution Committees will hold a CLE on Monday, January 27 from 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. entitled "Social Media Legal Issues for Traditional Media Companies." This program will be held at Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW, Main Conference Center.

As media companies integrate "new media," including social media, as integral aspects of their business, and as content shifts between "traditional media" and new media platforms, lawyers representing these companies need to understand the legal issues and pitfalls that may await them in the online world, and the policy issues that may affect the rules of the road. In this CLE, we will go beyond the rules of the FCC to explore both the basic legal issues involving the intersection of new and social media and traditional media and the policy issues that may affect these relationships in the future. Two panels will discuss these issues:

To register, click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events or use the form on page 27.

Agenda

6:00 – 6:05 p.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

6:05 – 7:05 p.m. LEGAL ISSUES WITH SOCIAL MEDIA – NUTS AND BOLTS

As the lines between old and new media blur, lots of legal issues arise. In this first panel, we will discuss the nuts and bolts issues that many media companies face in trying to understand this intersection. When can companies take material from social media or other Internet sites. and use it on their traditional media platforms? Can you take videos from YouTube and feature them in your 11:00 news? Can you take a photo from a website and use it to illustrate a story on your broadcast station's website? What liability do you have for posting material on Facebook, Twitter or other social media sites? Who owns what you post on social media sites? Can you encourage your audience to post photos or videos on your website or social media pages? What liability do you have for their posts? These and

ATTENTION ADJUNCT PROFESSORS – FCBA Foundation Law Student Internship Stipends Available!

The FCBA Foundation would like to expand the number of law student applicants for the Foundation's internship stipend program, which awards funds each spring to outstanding law students accepting non-paying internships at the FCC, FTC, NTIA, and other communications-related government agencies. Earlier this year, the Foundation awarded 14 summer internship stipends ranging from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and plans are now underway for 2014 stipend awards. *If you teach or interact with law students interested in the communications field, we would appreciate any assistance to spread the word about the availability of these stipends. Applications will be due April 1 and are available on the FCBA Foundation's website. Any questions about the program can be directed to the program Co-Chairs Glenn Reynolds (greynolds@ustelecom.org) or Rick Chessen (rchessen@ncta.com).*

other issues will be explored.

Moderator: **David Oxenford**, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Speakers:

David Wittenstein, Cooley LLP **James Rosenfeld**, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP *Others to be announced*

7:05 – 7:15 p.m. BREAK

7:15 – 8:15 p.m. COPYRIGHT POLICY PANEL

These nuts and bolts issues give rise to broader policy issues. Should the concept of statutory damages still apply, when the unauthorized posting by a station intern of a single photo on a station's website can result in hundreds of thousands of dollars of damages, even if the photo was viewed by only five people? Does the Internet make the concept of statutory damages obsolete? Should there be a reform of the protections accorded under the DMCA "safe harbor" provisions to website operators for the unauthorized use of copyrighted materials by users of that site? Should the government create new registries of copyrighted material so that users can find the copyright owners to get permission to use copyrighted works? Should there be an extension of the concept of a "statutory license" to other copyrighted materials that are used on the Internet? If so, where should that apply? How can the average person know when they are violating the copyright laws? What can the government and copyright owners do to inform users of the limitations of copyright and other IP laws?

Moderator:

Jim Burger, Thompson Coburn LLP

Speakers:

Matt Schruers, CCIA Joe Keeley, House Judiciary Committee (invited) Others to be announced

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER Events

Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch **Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 22, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Room 7-B516

Topic: Meet new Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief, Rear Admiral (ret.) David Simpson. Admiral Simpson recently joined the Federal Communications Commission from the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), where, as DISA's vice director, he helped lead an organization responsible for planning, developing and providing interoperable global communications for the Defense community. Come meet the new PSHSB Chief and hear about the Bureau's priorities.

To RSVP: Click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events.

Intellectual Property Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the Mass Media and Video Programming and Distribution Committees

Date/Time: Monday, January 27, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW, Main Conference Center Topic: Social Media Legal Issues for

Traditional Media Companies For more information: See page 3. To register: Click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events or use the form

International Telecommunications Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch **Date/Time:** Thursday, February 6, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

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Topic: Meet Satellite Division Chief Jose Albuquerque and the staff of the Satellite Division. Mr. Albuquerque has recently joined the Federal Communications Commission's International Bureau as Chief of the Satellite Division. Come meet Mr. Albuquerque and other members of the Satellite Division, and hear about the Division's priorities. **To RSVP: Click here** or go to the **FCBA**

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Event: Brown Bag Lunch co-hosted by the Young Lawyers Committee **Date/Time:** Tuesday, March 18, 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. **Location:** TBD **Topic:** Careers in International Telecommunications. Come hear a panel of experienced professionals discuss their diverse careers in international telecommunications. **Panelists:** Tom Tycz, Senior Policy Advisor, Goldberg, Godles, Wiener and Wright; Patricia Paoletta, Partner, Wiltshire & Grannis; Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Lockheed Martin; and Jamie Hedlund, Advisor to the President, ICANN. **To RSVP: Click here** or go to the **FCBA Website – Calendar of Events.**

Mass Media Committee

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Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW, Main Conference Center **Topic:** Social Media Legal Issues for

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Video Programming and Distribution Committee

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Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the Intellectual Property and Mass Media Committees **Date/Time:** Monday, January 27, 6:00 –

8:15 p.m. Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street,

NW, Main Conference Center **Topic:** Social Media Legal Issues for Traditional Media Companies

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Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch **Date/Time:** Thursday, January 16, 12:15 –

1:30 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: Meet the new Acting Wireless Bureau Chief. Roger Sherman will provide an overview of wireless issues that the Bureau will address and will respond to questions from attendees.

Speaker: Roger Sherman, Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC **To RSVP: Click here** or go to the **FCBA Website – Calendar of Events**.

Wireline Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch Date/Time: Wednesday, January 15, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Location: FCC, 445 12th Street, SW, Meeting Room TW-C305 Topic: Meet the FCC 8th Floor Wireline Legal Advisors Speakers: Daniel Alvarez, Rebekah Goodheart, Priscilla Argeris, Nicholas Degani & Amy Bender (invited) To RSVP: Click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events.

Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Happy Hour and Bowling **Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Lucky Strikes, 701 7th Street, NW (Chinatown)

Topic: Enjoy an evening of networking and bowling with other young lawyers. For questions: Contact Justin Faulb at jfaulb@nab.org or Lindsey Tonsager at ltonsager@cov.com. To RSVP: Click here or go to the FCBA

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New York Chapter

Event: FCBA Networking Reception in conjunction with Cable/Broadband PLI **Date/Time:** Monday, January 27, 5:15 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Andrew's Restaurant & Bar, 140 West 46th Street, New York, NY (between 6th and 7th Avenues)

For questions: Contact Michele Thomas (Michele.Thomas@T-Mobile.com) or Jennifer Cukier (Jacukier@Mintz.com).

SPECIAL Events

2014 National Telecommunications Moot Court Seeks Practitioners to Serve as Judges

The FCBA and The Catholic University of America. Columbus School of Law will co-sponsor the 2014 National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition ("NatTel") to be held February 21-22, 2014. This year's competition problem considers the Commission's authority to decline to pursue enforcement of broadcast indecency law based on First Amendment principles and agency discretion. The competition seeks attorneys to serve as Judges for briefs and oral arguments. Briefs Judges will receive submitted briefs on or around Friday, January 17, 2014 and will be due back on Wednesday, February 6. A score sheet provided by the NatTel Committee will guide Briefs Judges in grading the briefs and allocating points. Oral Arguments Judges are needed for the following rounds: Friday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer as a Brief or Oral Arguments Judge, please contact Kristy D'Ambrosio, Vice Chancellor, at nattel2014@gmail.com. No expertise is necessary.

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 – Save the Date! "Fourth Annual Mentoring Supper"

Presented by the FCBA's Young Lawyers Committee and the WBA's Communications Law Forum

Location: Hogan Lovells US LLP, 555 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004 (Closest metro stop is Metro Center). Please join the FCBA's Young Lawyers Committee and the Women's Bar Association's Communications Law Forum for the joint Fourth Annual Mentoring Supper on **Wednesday**, **February 26, 2014** from **6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** Please save this date for an opportunity to enhance your career planning! More details to follow in the February newsletter.

Sunday, April 6, 2014 – Save The Date! FCBA/ABA/NAB 33rd Annual "Representing Your Local Broadcaster"

The 33rd Annual FCBA/ABA/NAB Representing Your Local Broadcaster Annual Seminar will be held on **Sunday**, **April 6, 2014** at the Encore Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Program details will be coming soon.

HOTEL: Housing fills quickly for this event, which again will be held on Sunday, April 6th, at the Encore Hotel, 3121 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. NAB has arranged for a limited number of rooms at the Encore for ABA Forum program attendees. For reservations at the discounted NAB Show rate, you must make your reservations through NAB's housing office, Expovision, at 1-888-622-8830 or 703-205-9114. You may also make your reservations online at: http:// attendeemx.expobook.com/home/ index/255?utm_source=nabshowcom&utm_campaign=1&utm_ medium=show-site.

***NOTE: Reservations must be made by March 7, 2014.** AVAILABILITY OF RESERVATIONS FOR SATURDAY ARRIVAL IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. Please be sure to identify yourself as attending the ABA Forum program.

COMMITTEES *in the Spotlight*

Wireline Committee

This year's Wireline Committee Co-Chairs are **Gregory V. Haledjian** of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau, **Philip J. Macres** of Klein Law Group PLLC, **James M. Smith** of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, and **Jennifer S. Ullman** of The J Group Planning and Consulting, Inc.

Their programming agenda has been packed with valuable content. To get things started, the Committee held a brown bag lunch on September 13 featuring FCC Wireline Bureau Chief Julie Veach. Then, on November 14, they hosted a CLE Seminar entitled, "A Progress Report on USF Reform," covering the year's many important developments on all four of the FCC's universal service programs. Both events were well attended and they appreciate the members' support.

For 2014, the Committee is planning the following events:

- A CLE Seminar on Special Access; and
- Brown Bag lunches to "Meet the FCC 8th Floor Wireline Advisors," to discuss IP Interconnection issues, and possibly to discuss an Open Internet court decision (if released).

The Committee looks forward to working with its members to meet their needs for high value programming. Their events are typically scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. If you have any program ideas, speaker suggestions, or other comments, please contact the committee co-chairs: Greg Haledjian (Gregory.Haledjian@fcc.gov), Philip Macres (PMacres@KleinLawPLLC.com); or Jim Smith (jamesmsmith@dwt.com). Please check www.fcba.org for the latest information.

Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

Vonya B. McCann, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Sprint Corporation

By: Laura Phillips

Vonya McCann has seen communications law and policy from a variety of perspectives, and I was excited to have the chance to sit down with the chief government affairs officer for a diversified and dynamic communications company



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

I went to the University of California at Berkeley and got a joint master's in public policy and a JD. During that time I spent a summer at NTIA in the Department of Commerce working on AT&T competition issues, the competition issues that led up ultimately to the Consent Decree or Modified Final Judgment. The subject matter and issues just really appealed to me and that was the end of it.

Q: Has your career progressed the way you envisioned?

I am not really sure there was a grand vision behind how things developed, but I must say I'm quite satisfied with how my career has gone. I've had a diverse number of really interesting positions, both at a private law firm, Arent Fox, as well as for three separate agencies that directly affect so many aspects of communications law and policy, namely NTIA, the State Department and the FCC. And they were all great jobs. I also have enjoyed my time at Sprint; there is lots going on all the time. Communications law and policy issues are just never dull no matter where you are.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your current position and why?

Honestly the most challenging part of my position is to get the government agency or legislative body in question to understand and ideally to agree with our position on a given subject. Failing the ability to convince them, and sometimes that is just not within your control, you work to come to a point that government action does not harm the company. What's interesting about the process is there are lots of leavers and pressure points which can be used to a greater or lesser extent, depending on the issue.

Q: What are you reading now?

I am reading "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks", by Rebecca Skloot, which is a little different for me as I have a preference for fiction. I enjoy reading mysteries and detective stories when I have the time.



It's interesting that people come to Washington and work alongside federal government employees and still subscribe to the general notion that people within government are just a bunch of bureaucrats, and that they are not necessarily the cream of the crop or highly talented individuals. In my experience that's totally untrue. The people I've observed and worked with in government demonstrate high-caliber intellect and ability. Moreover, they are totally committed to trying to do the right thing, sometimes under enormous stress.

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

Well, I would say try not to specialize too early in your career and be open to different things. As I look back over time, when I started there were very few women or minorities working in common carrier law. A common carrier practice wasn't considered very sexy. Back then, a broadcast practice was viewed as exciting, and then cable seemed to become the "it" part of the industry. I was fortunate that I had a chance work for Tyrone Brown when he was a Commissioner at the FCC. He was a great teacher and a really smart guy, who encouraged me to pursue telecom as a practice. Having that opportunity was invaluable.

When I look around at the attendees at the Chairman's Dinner and other FCBA events, I see lots of young people. It is good to see so many still entering the field. What's good about the FCBA is that it gets different groups together to mix and engage with one another. But it's not a one way exchange – the experienced "elders" in the bar have as much to learn from the younger members who bring fresh perspectives to persistent regulatory problems.

Get to Know an FCBA MEMBER

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

A: Well, I speak a little Norwegian. When I was a student, did a foreign exchange stint in Norway.

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

I have been an FCBA member for as long as I can remember, at least since 1980. My law firm, Arent Fox, encouraged FCBA participation and that is what got me launched. The great thing about the FCBA is that it gives members an opportunity get out of their area of specialization, whether it's wireless or wireline, cable, private radio, equipment certification, whatever it happens to be. The FCBA also has done outstanding work in encouraging women and minorities to consider a career in communications law. I particularly want to praise the success of the high school scholarship program and law school internship programs in that regard.

Is there an FCBA member you'd like to see profiled in future columns? If so, please contact **Laura Phillips** at **laura. phillips@dbr.com**.

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. We will be experimenting with some new presentation technology in future CLE seminars, which require more technical support than we have needed in the past.

In general terms, we need conference rooms that can seat at least 30 (more if possible) people at tables for brown bag lunches and committee meetings and conference rooms that can seat a minimum of 60 for CLE seminars. Firms and companies hosting brown bag lunches provide beverages and desserts; firms and companies hosting CLE seminars provide beverages and snacks. CLE seminars are generally held from 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, video projection capabilities for PowerPoint presentations, and access to the internet for Webinar services. If your firm or company has the needed conference room facilities and capabilities and would be willing to host future FCBA activities, please email **Stan Zenor**, **stan@fcba.org**, or **Kerry Loughney**, **kerry@fcba.org**.

DC Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

The DC Bar offers a free, confidential program for lawyers and law students who are experiencing problems, such as addiction, mental health symptoms or stress, which interfere with their personal or professional lives. Telephone or face-to-face consultations with licensed counselors are available. The program also provides mentors. Here is a link to a more detailed description of the counseling opportunities that are offered: http://www.dcbar.org/for_lawyers/bar_services/counseling/about.cfm

A Message from FCBA Foundation Chair Mark Schneider

FCBA FOUNDATION MEMBERS,

As we begin 2014, the FCBA and its members can take a great deal of pride in the events and accomplishments of the FCBA Foundation in 2013. The Foundation Board of Trustees has much for which it is thankful, given the support provided to our charitable efforts from the FCBA's membership. In June, we concluded a record year of giving to our community at our annual meeting, celebrating decades of Foundation success with recognition and kind words from Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Now, with new highs in fundraising at the annual Charity Auction and the Chairman's Dinner, the FCBA Foundation Trustees hope you will consider the programs of the Foundation, and continue to give your time, effort, and financial support to the Foundation's programs. We ask you to include the Foundation in your plans during this fiscal year, which runs through June 30, 2014.

FCBA FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

During the spring of 2013, the FCBA Foundation funded four-year college scholarship packages collectively amounting to \$218,000, for 15 students from a variety of public high schools in Washington, DC. We also provided laptop computers and software to these students and other competitive applicants. Over the past decade, the FCBA Foundation has provided more than \$1.5 million in funding for deserving high school seniors seeking necessary funds to attend college, especially those students targeting study in science, technology, media, and law. We have recently heard from several of our awardees that have described the benefits of the scholarship and accompanying laptops and mentors as "a dream come true" and "a tremendous help" in getting

their start to college off on the right track. As Elsa Lazo-Vasquez told us in talking about her first year at Georgetown, "I feel blessed to have received such great help and am very thankful for FCBA selecting me as one of the scholarship winners." Look for some of these notes to us in future issues of the newsletter.

Additionally, last year the FCBA Foundation provided 13 **stipends for government and public service summer internships**, including our annual Max Paglin award. Since 2008, the FCBA Foundation has provided stipends to a total of 50 law students working in unpaid public service positions with a communications focus. In 2013, the Foundation maintained its increased commitment to this program, which in the past two years has seen the number of grants provided double over the previous years of the program.

FCBA FOUNDATION LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2012 and 2013, the FCBA Foundation provided its first law school scholarships, pursuant to a pilot program with the University of Colorado Law School at Boulder and the communications program at the Catholic University Law School. This summer and fall we sought your feedback on the pilot program, and I am pleased to announce that given that feedback and a recent arrangement with CTIA's Wireless Foundation, the law school scholarship program will be maintained as one of our efforts to give back to our communications law community.

First, the results of the survey, which included more than 200 responses, indicated that respondents supported maintaining the law school program by a three to one margin – with more than 100 of you volunteering to review applications. This year, as supported by most respondents, we will open applications to students at all law schools, and will focus on students who demonstrate a significant interest in practicing communications law in addition to demonstrating a need for financial assistance. While the Foundation in the future may consider opening the program to graduate students in engineering and economics, as a number of you suggested, this year as we develop the program we will limit it to law students. And one additional point we want to make emphatically – consistent with the primary concern raised by the minority of respondents concerned with the establishment of the program – the development of the law school scholarship program will in no manner limit our efforts with respect to the college scholarship program.

Second, we are pleased to announce that as part of our law school scholarship efforts, CTIA's Wireless Foundation has arranged to transfer to the FCBA Foundation the Amy Zoslov Memorial Scholarship Fund. In turn, the FCBA Foundation has agreed to continue to honor Amy and her legacy with an annual scholarship program at Case Western Law School, just as Amy's family and friends intended when they established the memorial fund that has been entrusted to us. As The Wireless Foundation President Steve Largent noted in his letter transferring to us the program and the memorial fund's endowment, the "FCBA Foundation is a perfect new home for the Amy Zoslov Fund scholarship," not only because we manage similar programs, but because Amy was an active FCBA member and many of us remember her as a friend and colleague. We thank Steve and The Wireless Foundation for entrusting Amy's memory to us, and we are committed to maintaining the program in a way that will recognize students who demonstrate the character and dedication that Amy possessed.

You will hear more about our development of these scholarship programs in the coming year, and we hope you will continue to provide us feedback on how we can meet the needs of our community. Every member of the FCBA is a participant in the activities of our Foundation, and we hope you will take a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment in what we can accomplish together.

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FCBA FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Not to be forgotten, throughout the year, the Foundation organizes activities in the community providing opportunities for volunteering alongside your fellow FCBA members. These include our monthly Sunday morning commitment to prepare meals for the homeless at **Martha's Table**. The last Sunday of each month, from 10 a.m. to roughly 1 p.m., you can find FCBA members making sandwiches – kids are welcome. Each month, a different FCBA topical committee takes the lead staffing this effort, but all are welcome every month at Martha's Table – check the monthly newsletter for details and to sign up.

In addition, we have teamed up with Martha's Kids to encourage at-risk students in middle and high school to complete their education. FCBA members have graciously opened their doors to show students what it might be like to work at a technology or media company or in the movie business. Our thanks to the employees of Google, the Motion Picture Association of America. Sirius XM, radio station WAVA, and WJLA-TV/NewsChannel 8, for spending time with Martha's Kids. Check out photos from our latest event on our website. And consider whether your organization could host one of these rewarding after-school events in the Washington metropolitan area. The Foundation Board welcomes suggestions for volunteer activities that fit within the Foundation's mission.

FCBA FOUNDATION PROGRAM FUNDING

The Foundation's programs are funded through year-round efforts, including table sponsorship at the annual FCBA Chairman's Dinner, sponsorship of the Charity Auction, participation in the golf tournament each spring, and donations from individual members and their employers to the Foundation's Annual Fund throughout our fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. The Board of Trustees encourages every member to consider a contribution that is appropriate for their circumstances, or the firms or businesses for which they work. The FCBA Foundation thus wants to ensure that appropriate recognition is given throughout the year to Foundation contributors, and we will continue the program established last year for recognition of major donors.

RECOGNITION OF OUR MAJOR DONORS

Each year we recognize our Chairman's Dinner sponsors and Charity Auction sponsors at the event itself, and in the newsletter items surrounding both events. We recognize other donors to Foundation programs through named scholarships, which we recognize at our Annual Meeting luncheon in June and at the Chairman's Dinner in December, as well as in our Annual Report and newsletter.

For 2013, our named scholarship donors included:

- AT&T Services, Inc.
- Comcast Corporation
- Consumer Electronics Association
- DIRECTV
- Google Inc.
- The Karen A. Kincaid Scholarship Fund, sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen's Friends
- News Corporation
- Sidley Austin LLP
- Time Warner Cable
- Verizon
- Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP
- The Young Lawyers Committee Charity Auction Scholarship

These organizations have funded scholarships in amounts of \$8,000 and up, year after year, over the past decade. Other organizations, including Microsoft, CTIA, Viacom, and Cox, also have provided scholarship funding at that level during past years. And last year, under our new program, Cox Enterprises, Dow Lohnes PLLC, Latham & Watkins, LLP, and Time Warner Inc. all became "Masters of Media" and Lerman Senter PLLC and Wiltshire & Grannis LLP became "Bachelors of Broadband."

In addition to those institutions, hundreds of individual FCBA members contributed

to Foundation programs last year through Annual Fund donations and by giving generously of their time. In our Annual Report as of June 30, the FCBA Foundation recognized the contributions of more than 20 individuals who became our first "Diamond" individuals – as well as 20 individuals who became "Emeralds" and "Pearls." We are thankful for every contribution at every level, including the numerous gifts at the Ruby and Sapphire levels - without your generosity, our programs would not be the success they have become. This year I encourage all FCBA members to continue their generosity to our Foundation, with the hope that more will join the ranks of our generous degree program or become jewels.

FISCAL YEAR 2014

This year, the Foundation Trustees again want to increase recognition of the donors to the Foundation's Annual Fund, supporting all of our programs year-round.

Those who donate **at least \$10,000** to the Annual Fund will be recognized for these extraordinary gifts on our Foundation website throughout the year, in our annual report, at the Chairman's Dinner, and in the FCBA newsletter. The Foundation also will recognize donations to our Annual Fund at the levels noted below, and during 2014, highlight individuals and donor groups in the FCBA newsletter on a regular basis, at the annual meeting in June, and at the Chairman's Dinner in December.

Gems (Individuals): Inspired by the Foundation program funding public service internships from April to September, this year individual donations will be recognized at the following "birth stone" levels:

Diamond	\$1,000 and above
Emerald	\$500 - \$999
Pearl	\$250 - \$499
Ruby	\$100 - \$249
Sapphire	\$99 and below

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Honorary Degrees (Organizations & Individuals): Inspired by the Foundation's mission to support educational pursuits, organizations and individuals will be recognized with the following "honorary degrees":

Degrees All Their Own (Named Scholarship)	\$10,000 and above
Masters of Media	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Bachelors of Broadband	\$2,000 - \$4,999

To encourage members to work together to support our programs, the FCBA Foundation will recognize gifts at these levels by individuals or groups that choose to be, and can be, recognized as such – partners and associates in the same firm, employees of the same company, or old friends remembering a colleague. We hope every member of the FCBA will consider how to join with other members to contribute to the FY2014 Annual Fund between now and June, and support the Foundation's programs throughout the year. However you choose to give, we thank you for the time and talent that each of you contributes to the FCBA Foundation, and we look forward hearing from you.

If you would like to make a donation to the FCBA Foundation, please click one of the links below.

Click here to download donation form

Click here to donate online

*Online donation instructions: Login using your user name and password. Click the Online Store link, then enter Name/Keyword: Foundation. Click the Go button.

Very truly yours,

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Chair, FCBA

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Board of Trustees



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Charity Auction Donor Sea Island in Georgia is offering a special deal to FCBA members ~ 10% off the standard nightly rate at either The Cloister or The Lodge

The Lodge and The Cloister have been ranked the #1 and #2 resorts in the Continental U.S. in the Travel + Leisure 2013 World's Best Awards. Stroll along Sea Island's five miles of private beach after trading serves with their Grand Slam doubles champion. Learn the tricks of the trade at the Golf Learning Center, where 10 PGA Professionals train, and then put them into practice on three championship golf courses. Or, relax at the 65,000-square foot spa before savoring a meal at one of eight restaurants.

Book your stay today and don't miss this opportunity to experience Sea Island, winner of four Forbes Five-Star awards for five years in a row, and voted #1 Family Resort and #1 Beach Resort by Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report Readers' Choice Awards.

Click here to book at The Cloister Click here to book at The Lodge

FCBA Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Funding of Unpaid Communications-Related Legal Internships

For the 21st consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation will award stipends to law students from its Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund. The program provides stipends of up to \$5,000 to outstanding law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other Federal, state, and local government agencies with a connection to the communications industry (i.e., broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellite, wireless, and information technology).

In addition, the Foundation will select one outstanding intern among those chosen to receive an additional stipend for the summer—the "Max Paglin Award." Mr. Paglin was the former General Counsel and Executive Director of the FCC, and the founder of the Golden Jubilee Commission on Telecommunications, which compiled a definitive legislative history of the Communications Act.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications field, (2) having secured or having pending, an unpaid summer position (internship) for at least eight weeks with a Federal, state or local government agency with a significant connection to the communications industry, (3) dependence on financial assistance in order to accept the unpaid internship in a government agency or entity involved in communications; and, (4) community activities. To the extent a recipient receives unanticipated funding for the unpaid internship, the FCBA Foundation's general policy is to reduce its scholarship awards by any

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amount that a recipient's total funding (including all sources) for the internship would otherwise exceed \$7,000.

Applications for internship funding should be submitted to Kerry Loughney, FCBA Foundation, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036 or kerry@fcba.org. Applications must be post-marked by Tueday, April 1, 2014. Applicants may be asked to interview with members of the Foundation Board; interviews may be conducted by telephone. Winners will be notified in late-April.

To view the application, go to: http:// www.fcba.org/foundation/internshipstipends-for-law-students/.

FCBA Foundation College Scholarship Program Applications Now Available

Applications for the FCBA Foundation's 2014 College Scholarship Program, which provides financial assistance for DC high school students to attend college, are now available on the FCBA Foundation website: http://www.fcba.org/foundation/

college-scholarship-fund/. Over the past 21 years, the Foundation has helped more than 160 students from DC schools attend college. In 2013, the Foundation awarded college scholarships and/or laptop computers to 18 graduating seniors from seven DC public high schools.

Scholarship amounts range from several thousand dollars to potentially as much as \$32,000, payable over four years. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate through their application and personal interview that their academic achievements, school attendance records, and service to school and community show their potential to succeed in college and make positive contributions to their communities. Preference is given to students with experience or interest in pursuing studies or a career in the communications sector, such as in engineering, computer science, information technology, journalism, media, telecommunications, or law.

The deadline to apply for scholarships is Friday, February 28, 2014. Applications must be postmarked or emailed by no later than this date.

Applications should be submitted to Kerry Loughney, FCBA Foundation, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC

Contact Information Updates

We'd like to remind everyone that if they have any changes to their contact information that they notify the FCBA, **wendy@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.

20036 or **kerry@fcba.org** (electronic submissions are encouraged). The Foundation plans to conduct interviews of promising applicants over a period beginning April 16-19, 2014 and to notify successful applicants regarding their scholarship awards by mid-May 2014.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact the FCBA offices at 202-293-4000 or by email at **kerry@fcba.org**.

Volunteer at Martha's Table on January 26

On Sunday, January 26, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., the FCBA will be preparing and distributing food at the FCBA Foundation's partner charity, Martha's Table. The FCBA has been meeting monthly to volunteer at Martha's Table for many years. Martha's Table feeds hundreds of homeless adults and children on the streets of Washington daily, through its mobile soup kitchen. 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 food if possible, (e.g., cold cuts, bread, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables and potatoes) because the center often runs out of donated food.

Please mark your calendars, bring your friends and children, and participate in this great volunteer effort. If you are able to volunteer, please contact **Howard Weiss** at 703-812-0471, **weiss@fhhlaw.com**.

The FCBA volunteers on the **last Sunday of every month**, so mark your calendars now!









































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Thanks to Those Who Sponsored Foundation Tables at the Chairman's Dinner!

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FCBA International and Wireless Committees Holiday Reception co-sponsored with Ericsson on December 18











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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 Kerry Loughney, Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101, or **EMAIL** it to **kerry@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 Kerry Loughney, Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101. In addition, please email the text of the ad to **kerry@ fcba.org**. Listings and payment received by the 15th 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

1.14.1

Associate – Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC seeks an associate with 2 to 4 years telecommunications and litigation experience to join our telecommunications practice in Washington, D.C. Additional experience with other regulated industries such as utilities and energy is also desirable. Applicants should be self-starters with excellent academic credentials and writing ability. The ideal candidate will be a team player with a demonstrated interest in telecommunications law that will enjoy working in a collegial and stimulating practice group on a wide variety of wireline, wireless, and other telecom legal and policy issues. D.C. , Virginia, and/or Maryland bar admission is required.

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC is a national full-service law firm, with offices located throughout the Eastern United States. We offer a competitive salary and a full benefits package. Qualified candidates should forward their resume by e-mail or fax to Katy Mahoney, E-mail: **kmahoney@eckertseamans.com** or fax: 202-659-6699.

1.14.2

Internship – O3b Networks seeks interns to work in its Regulatory group for the Spring and Summer 2014 sessions. Candidates must have at least one year of relevant post-graduate education, strong oral and written advocacy skills, and relevant class or work experience. The internship will offer valuable experience in the complex international law and regulatory requirements of a start-up global broadband satellite communications company (see www. o3bnetworks.com for more information). The internship will include research and comparison of international communications laws and regulations in multiple countries related to matters such as universal service; satellite regulations; frequency allocations and use; Internet regulation and law; and communications law rulemakings. This internship will be located in downtown Washington, DC, USA. Please send a cover letter and resume to Mariah.Dodson-Shuman@o3bnetworks.com.

1.14.3

Lateral Attorney – Marashlian & Donahue, LLC, The CommLaw Group (www.CommLawGroup.com), a telecommunications, information technology, privacy and intellectual property law firm conveniently located in Tysons, VA is seeking motivated, experienced attorneys with modest or larger books of business evidencing future growth potential, unleashed through a combination of practice area/ professional experience marketability, rate freedom, billing flexibility and realistic, sustainable compensation. Ideal candidate will have at least ten (10) years experience in private practice working on federal and state telecommunications regulation, including, but not limited to: FCC/state common carrier, private carrier, satellite, wireless, communications fees and transaction taxes, FCC/state certification and licensing, M&A and transfers of control, deep knowledge of VoIP & enhanced, IP-enabled services regulation, and Universal Service Fund/ USAC issues. Other practice areas include Privacy Law, Intellectual Property, Internet & Information Technology, E-Commerce. Unique cross-selling opportunities available, including through our affiliated regulatory consulting firm, The Commpliance Group (www.

CommplianceGroup.com). Compensation negotiable; pegged to region's small-to-midsize firms and tied to profitability. Candidate must demonstrate exceptional written and verbal communication skills, attention to detail and management experience required. Rare opportunity to take ownership of your labors, find true work/life balance, and make the practice of law enjoyable again. Position entails direct and immediate client contact, project management, and practice development. Everything about our firm is based on achieving stability, steady profitability, and future growth, all while fully embracing the "New Normal." Submit detailed cover letter, resume, professional references, portable business description and forecast, and compensation expectations and goals. For the foreseeable future, our firm will be accepting applicants and will consider offering lateral opportunities to seasoned professionals whose personalities, talent and economic expectations and objectives fit within our firm's existing culture, compensation scale and long-term business goals. All submissions should be made to Debbie Schneider at dls@ commlawgroup.com and will be held in strict confidence.

COMMITTEE/CHAPTER EVENT Registration Form

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

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

 Monday, January 27, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. – CLE Seminar on Social Media Legal Issues for Traditional Media Companies. Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW. Cost: \$135.00 for Private Sector Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional Members; \$25.00 for Student Members; \$205.00 for Non-Members Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Friday, January 24, 2014.

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

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO: Wendy Parish, 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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Calendar

January 15	Wireline Committee Brown Bag Lunch	
January 15	Nominations for the 2014 FCBA Election Due	
January 16	Wireless Telecommunications Committee Brown Bag Lunch	
January 22	Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee Brown Bag Lunch	
January 22	Young Lawyers Committee Happy Hour and Bowling	
January 26	Volunteer and Martha's Table	
January 27	CLE Seminar on Social Media Legal Issues for Traditional Media Companies presented by the Intellectual Property, Mass Media, and Video Programming and Distribution Committees	
January 27	New York Chapter Networking Reception in conjunction with Cable/Broadband PLI	
February 6	International Telecommunications Committee Brown Bag Lunch	
February 21-22	National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition held at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law	
February 26	Fourth Annual Mentoring Supper presented by the FCBA Young Lawyers Committee and the WBA's Communications Law Forum	
March 18	International Telecommunications and Young Lawyers Committees Brown Bag Lunch	
April 6	FCBA/ABA/NAB 33rd Annual "Representing Your Local Broadcaster"	
May 16-18	Annual Seminar, The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA	



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