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November 2017

Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

31st Annual Chairman's Dinner on December 7

The 31st Annual Chairman's Dinner will be held **Thursday, December 7** at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m. in the International Ballroom and will be followed by remarks from FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. Sponsor tables include a \$350.00 tax deductible donation to the FCBA Foundation.



FCC Chairman Ajit Pai

Dinner appears to qualify as a widely attended gathering. The value of an individual ticket to the dinner is \$295.00. Most employees of the Federal Communications Commission may be directly invited to attend the dinner as guests of individuals and organizations purchasing tables or tickets. In most cases, individuals and organizations may issue invitations to the

Chairman's Dinner without the involvement of the FCBA. Some agencies, departments and branches of the Federal Government, however, apply additional stipulations above the regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics. Individuals who have signed the Administration's Ethics pledge

Please use the registration form on [page 21](#) to order tables or individual tickets.

INVITING GOVERNMENT GUESTS

Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulation on widely-attended gatherings (5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2)), the Chairman's

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Thursday, December 7 – Friday, December 8 PLI/FCBA 35th Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation

Please join the Practising Law Institute and the FCBA at its co-sponsored program, "35th Institute on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation." This year's Institute will be held on **December 7-8**, at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

The Institute will provide attendees with an in-depth understanding of recent developments and current issues facing the telecommunications industry at the FCC, Congress, and within the Executive and Judicial branches. A faculty of expert practitioners, in-house counsel from telecommunications organizations, and senior officials from the FCC and the Administration, will examine wireline, broadband, wireless, media, privacy

and cybersecurity issues, and a Congressional staff panel will discuss legislative updates.

Scott D. Delacourt, **Michele C. Farquhar**, and **Bryan N. Tramont** of the FCBA's Conference Planning Committee will serve as Institute Co-Chairs. In addition, the program will include featured speakers from the FCC, including FCC Commissioners and Bureau Chiefs, and numerous FCBA members will moderate or participate on the various program segments. Please visit www.pli.edu/telecom for up-to-the-date schedule and faculty information.

A registration form for the 1½ day seminar is on [page 22](#). As noted, a 10% registration fee discount is available to FCBA members.

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Upcoming Key Events

Mass Media Committee Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 14, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Topic: Meet the Audio Division

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Mass Media / Video Programming and Distribution Committees CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: Must-Carry/Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead

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Privacy and Data Security Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, November 20, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: International Privacy: U.S. Perspectives on EU Privacy Frameworks

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Legislative Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: TBD

Topic: Lobbying Disclosure Act Compliance and Congressional Ethics Rules: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary

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Sign Up to Receive Committee and Chapter Notices

If you would like to sign up for or update the committee(s)/chapter(s) you are on, fill out the form on [page 24](#) of this newsletter and send it to the FCBA, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036, fax: 202-293-4317, or email: megan@fcba.org.

PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR FELLOW FCBA MEMBERS:

In the blink of an eye, the leaves have turned and the temperatures have dropped. Nothing says November like a cozy fire and a stack of legal and technology reading.



The FCBA New England Chapter hosted a fantastic event at Boston University on October 12, featuring FCC Commissioner O'Rielly, a panel of distinguished speakers, and a lively reception. Special thanks to New England Chapter Co-Chairs: Sarah Aceves, David Bogan, Gregory Kennan, Jackie McCarthy, Robert Munnelly and New England Chapter Steering Committee members Jim Cohen, Paula Foley, Sandy Merrick, Stacey Parker, and Geoff Why. Special thanks to T. Barton Carter, a member of the New England Chapter Steering Committee, Professor at the B.U. College of Communication, and gracious host for the event.

Congratulations to our Young Lawyers Committee for their phenomenal 28th Annual FCBA Charity Auction on November 2, benefitting SYMAL and the FCBA Foundation. Thanks to all FCBA members and friends who purchased auction items and raffle tickets. Photos of the festivities will be published in the December newsletter. Our dedicated Young Lawyers Committee co-chairs, Sean Spivey and Rachel Nemeth, led an equally dedicated FCBA Charity Auction Committee, which includes: Van Bloys, Christine Crowe, Elizabeth Cuttner, Emilie de Lozier, Jessica Elder, Brian Indovina, Hadass Kogan, Anisa Latif, Lauren McCarty, Thom Parisi, Alex Reynolds, Davina Sashkin, Becky Schwartz, and Josh Turner. The auction is fueled by the enthusiasm and commitment of an army of FCBA volunteers. I also want to extend thanks to the FCBA staff for their dedication and countless extra hours to make this event possible.

Our New Commissioners reception on October 17 was bustling with FCBA members and friends. Thanks to FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr and FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel for their thoughtful remarks and for reminding us how fortunate we are to belong to a professional organization that brings together our government officials and practitioners on a regular basis.

Speaking of bringing people together, please join your 2000+ FCBA friends and colleagues for the 31st Annual FCC Chairman's Dinner on Thursday, December 7 at the Washington Hilton. You won't want to miss the "Telecom Prom," featuring FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. Tables and tickets are still available.

Please accept my warmest Thanksgiving wishes. As always, you can reach me at: jkearney@CTA.tech or 703.907.7644.

Julie M. Kearney

FCBA President
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Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Must-Carry/ Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead

The FCBA Mass Media and Video Programming and Distribution Committees will co-sponsor a CLE on Wednesday, November 15 from 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. entitled “Must-Carry/Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead.” This program will be held at Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW.

It's been 25 years since the 1992 Cable Act introduced a new approach to the relationship between television broadcasters and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs). Pursuant to the Act, every three years television stations have the right to select either mandatory carriage of their signal on MVPD systems in their local markets (known as “must-carry”) or the right to bargain for the terms of their carriage by MVPDs (known as “retransmission consent”). The next three-year cycle begins January 1, 2018 and runs through December 31, 2020. This CLE will discuss the rights and obligations of broadcasters and cable/satellite operators under the FCC's MVPD carriage rules and examine what the future of carriage and program distribution may involve.

To register, [click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#) or use the form on [page 20](#).

2017 FCBA Membership Directories

The FCBA 2017 Membership Directories are available for purchase. Please use the form on [page 23](#) to order additional copies for your office.

Agenda

6:00 – 6:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

John Burgett, Co-Chair, FCBA Mass Media Committee and Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

6:05 – 7:05 p.m.

OVERVIEW OF MUST-CARRY/ RETRANSMISSION CONSENT PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

This panel will provide an overview of the legal foundations for, and the current state of, the FCC's rules and policies governing the must-carry/retransmission consent election process, including a discussion of what has changed in the three years since elections were last made, the FCC's “good faith” negotiation rules and the issues most likely to arise in retransmission consent negotiations.

Moderator:

Kathryne Dickerson, Co-Chair, FCBA Mass Media Committee and Special Counsel, Wiley Rein LLP

Speakers:

Daniel Kirkpatrick, Member, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC

Cristina Chou, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

7:05 – 7:15 p.m.

BREAK

7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

THE FUTURE OF MUST-CARRY/ RETRANSMISSION CONSENT

This panel will examine the continued viability of the FCC's current MVPD carriage rules and policies in an era of new television platforms, increasing video competition and changing business models. The panel will explore the extent to which the current

system is fulfilling the goals of the 1992 Cable Act and whether any legislative or regulatory reforms are necessary to ensure a vibrant video distribution marketplace.

Moderator:

Wayne Johnsen, Co-Chair, FCBA Video Programming and Distribution Committee and Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Speakers:

Joseph Di Scipio, Senior Vice President/ Legal & FCC Compliance, Fox Television Stations

Jack Goodman, Law Offices of Jack N. Goodman

Seth Davidson, Member, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

Barbara Esbin, Partner, Cinnamon Mueller

Monday, November 20, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. International Privacy: U.S. Perspectives on EU Privacy Frameworks

The FCBA Privacy and Data Security Committee will sponsor a CLE on Monday, November 20 from 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. entitled “U.S. Perspectives on EU Privacy Frameworks.” This program will be held at Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW.

To register, [click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#) or use the form on [page 20](#).

Agenda

6:00 – 6:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Neil Chilson, Chief Technologist, Federal Trade Commission and FCBA Privacy and Data Security Committee Co-Chair

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NOVEMBER 20 CLE

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6:05 – 7:15 p.m.

PANEL 1: EU-U.S. PRIVACY SHIELD – THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS AND HOW WE GOT HERE

The first panel will provide an overview of the recently held first annual review of the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield. The panel will provide a primer on the Privacy Shield, the events leading up to the September review. The panel will then analyze the review and its impact on law and policy going forward. The speakers will provide background information for those who do not typically practice in this area, as well as also offer seasoned insights on the Privacy Shield and its review.

Moderator:

Neil Chilson, Chief Technologist, Federal Trade Commission and FCBA Privacy and Data Security Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

Shannon Coe, Team Lead, Data Flows and Privacy, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (*invited*)

Guilherme Roschke, Counsel for International Consumer Protection, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission

Andrea Glorioso, Counsellor for the Digital Economy at the Delegation of the European Union to the US (*invited*)
Shaundra Watson, Director, Policy, BSA | The Software Alliance

7:15 – 7:25 p.m.

BREAK

7:25 – 8:15 p.m.

PANEL 2: GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The second panel will provide an overview of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a regulation by which the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission set out to enhance and unify European Union citizens' data protection. The panel will discuss the regulation's directives and how companies have changed their policies in the regulation's transition period, which is set to end on May 25, 2018 when GDPR becomes enforceable. The panel will also analyze the regulation's

implementation challenges for the Data Protection Authorities.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Morgan Reed, President, ACT | The App Association (*invited*)

Yael Weinman, Associate General Counsel - Privacy, Verizon (*invited*)

Mark Brennan, Partner, Hogan Lovells LLP

Other speakers to be determined

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Lobbying Disclosure Act Compliance and Congressional Ethics Rules: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary

The FCBA **Legislative Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday, December 12** from **6:00 – 8:15 p.m.** entitled "Lobbying Disclosure Act Compliance and Congressional Ethics Rules: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary." This program will be held at a location to be determined in Washington, DC.

The Lobbying Disclosure Act includes a number of traps for the unwary, and compliance with the Act requires practitioners to pay close attention to nuances that impact advocacy before Congress and the Executive branch. Similarly, congressional ethics rules and the guidelines for implementing them require government employees to stay up to date. This program will explore the key compliance issues impacting private and public-sector practitioners that regularly interact with stakeholders in and outside of Congress and Executive Branch.

To register, [click here](#) or go to the **FCBA Website – Calendar of Events** or use the form on **page 20**.

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.

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)

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

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.

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#)

FCC Enforcement Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 15, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Location: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Topic: Enforcement Discussion Group – Non-monetary Penalties Available in FCC Enforcement

Speakers: Group Discussion

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

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. 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: To be announced.

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

Legislative Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: TBD

Topic: Lobbying Disclosure Act Compliance and Congressional Ethics Rules: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary

For more information: See [page 4](#).

To register: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#) or use the form on [page 20](#).

Mass Media Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 14, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Topic: Meet the Audio Division

Speakers: Peter Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, and other staff

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Video Programming and Distribution Committee

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: Must-Carry/Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead

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

To register: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#) or use the form on [page 20](#).

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).

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

Event: Brown Bag Lunch

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

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

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

Speakers: Margaret Harding (Politico) and Cecilia Kang (NY Times); Dennis Wharton (NAB) (Moderator)

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

Privacy and Data Security Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, November 20, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: International Privacy: U.S. Perspectives on EU Privacy Frameworks

For more information: See [page 4](#).

To register: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#) or use the form on [page 20](#).

Video Programming and Distribution Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Mass Media Committee

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

Topic: Must-Carry/Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead

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

To register: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#) or use the form on [page 20](#).

Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch co-hosted by the Engineering and Technical Committee

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

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

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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE

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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)

To RSVP: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

New York Chapter

Event: Meet and Greet Lunch Event featuring Commissioner O’Rielly

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 29, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, 101 Park Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY

More information: The event will include an informal armchair discussion with Commissioner O’Rielly followed by a “meet and greet,” providing an opportunity for attendees to meet the Commissioner in person. This is a brown bag lunch with light refreshments provided. This event is open to FCBA members and non-members, but seats are limited. RSVP required.

For questions: Contact Jameson Dempsey, Eric Fishman, J. Armand Musey,

Michael Santorelli, Allen Zoracki, or Michael Alcamo.

RVSP required: [Click here](#) or go to the [FCBA Website – Calendar of Events](#).

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Join us this year to find out why the Institute is one of the best telecommunications conferences in the country.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Featured Speakers: **FCC Commissioners Carr, Clyburn, and O’Reilly**
- Bureau Chiefs Conversation: Hear from Wireless, Wireline and Media Bureaus
- Current administration’s priorities
- Infrastructure developments
- Legislative updates and a look ahead
- Spirited debate on net neutrality
- Networking Luncheon

PROGRAM TOPICS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 WILL INCLUDE:

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- 9:00 **Welcome**
- 9:15 **Q&A with Featured Speakers**
- 10:00 **Developments in Privacy and Cybersecurity**
- 11:00 *Networking Break*

11:15 **A Discussion with the Bureau Chiefs about Convergence**

12:15 **Luncheon and Featured Speaker**

Afternoon Session: 1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- 1:45 **Hot Topics and Issues in Spectrum and Wireless Telecom Policy**
- 2:45 **Hot Topics from the Administration’s Perspective**
- 3:45 *Networking Break*
- 4:00 **Hot Topics in Wireless and Wireline Infrastructure Policy**
- 5:00 *Adjourn*

PROGRAM TOPICS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 WILL INCLUDE:

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- 9:00 **Debate: Net Neutrality**
- 10:00 **Hot Topics from a Capitol Hill Perspective**
- 11:00 *Networking Break*
- 11:15 **Hot Topics in Media**
- 12:15 *Adjourn*

FCC CHAIRMAN’S DINNER

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cannot accept invitations from most registered lobbying organizations or registered lobbyists. While this event has qualified as a widely-attended-gathering in previous years, each FCC employee is required to obtain individual ethics clearance based on matters they are working on within the Commission. Employees of the Commerce Department are required to obtain individual ethics clearance through the Department’s Office of General Counsel. Invitations to Members of Congress, Congressional Staff, and employees of the Department of State must be issued by the FCBA. Contact the FCBA for additional information.

Requests for invitations to be sent from the FCBA must be emailed to kerry@fcba.org by Monday, November 20. Invitations will be issued on a “first-come, first-served” basis and invitees placed at the discretion of the FCBA.

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

New England Chapter Hosts Successful Program at Boston University on October 12

The New England Chapter hosted its annual Current Issues Conference at the Boston University Photonics Center on October 12. FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly joined FCBA President (and Consumer Technology Association Vice President, Regulatory Affairs) Julie M. Kearney for a fireside chat. Commissioner O'Rielly noted his priorities of pursuing broadband adoption and infrastructure siting reform policies, increasing spectrum availability and usage, and removing outdated regulations. Referencing underserved areas of our region, the Commissioner discussed areas of focus for the Connect America Fund, and the ongoing debate regarding the appropriate broadband speed thresholds for addressing difficult-to-serve areas. He outlined the goals of the FCC Broadband Deployment Advisory Council and described recent process reforms to expedite availability of items prepared for Commission votes. The Commissioner described how his travels in New England and nationwide provided examples of the importance of creating a policy environment in which the Internet economy's benefits are available to all. A panel of industry experts (including Commissioner Kate Bailey of the NH PUC, Michael A. Chowanec of Charter Communications, Michael Galvin of Granite Communications and Michele Thomas of T-Mobile) responded to issues and topics raised by the Commissioner at a panel moderated by James I. Cohen of Verrill Dana LLP (and Chapter Steering Committee member). The panel addressed states' role in addressing pole attachments and broadband deployment in unserved areas.

We thank BU College of Communication Dean Tom Fiedler and Professor (and Chapter Steering Committee member) T. Barton Carter for hosting our event. Additionally, we thank Granite Communications, Locke Lord LLP and Verrill Dana LLP for sponsoring our reception.



Texas Chapter CLE Program on September 25

On September 25, 2017, the Texas Chapter of the FCBA sponsored a one hour continuing legal education seminar entitled "Texas Telecom Basis *Plus*." Attorneys Dineen Majcher, Mark Foster,

and AJ Smullen provided an overview of the Texas PUC's jurisdiction regarding certification, interconnection agreements, arbitration, dispute resolution, building access, and use of public rights-of-way. Current issues and practice hints were identified. The program was attended by private and public sector attorneys, PUC employees, and company representatives.

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.

Dinner is included in the registration fee. Through February 5, the discounted registration fee is \$15.00 for a student, FCBA or WBA member. It is \$25.00 for a non-member. After February 5, the registration fee increases by \$5.00 to \$20.00 or \$30.00. 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.

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.

The registration deadline is Monday, November 27, 2017. Please note that registration is limited, so your prompt response is greatly appreciated. We expect the competition problem to be released in mid-December 2017.

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



Seventh Annual Mentoring Supper

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 24](#) 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.



Kingsmill Resort

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 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 Annual Seminar!

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 (fcljarticles@law.gwu.edu). Articles may also be submitted through ExpressO. For general inquiries about the FCLJ, please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Jane Lee (fclj@law.gwu.edu).



Darah Franklin



Aspa Paroutsas

A Message from the FCBA Foundation Board of Directors

DEAR FCBA MEMBERS,

In November, we have a day of giving thanks, followed by Black Friday and Cyber Monday for “getting deals.” In recent years, on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, there has also been a focus on celebrating generosity and giving back. “Giving Tuesday” is November 28, and as we enter the charitable season, the FCBA Foundation Board of Trustees invites you and your organization to consider the programs of the Foundation in your end-of-year giving. If you would like to make a donation to the FCBA Foundation, please [click here to donate online](#) or [click here to download the donation form](#).

All FCBA members belong to the FCBA Foundation, and many of you donate your time, talents, and financial support to the Foundation’s programs throughout the year. This past fiscal year, we awarded four-year college scholarships to 22 deserving Washington, DC high school graduates; stipends to 16 law school students who interned in public service positions this past summer; and scholarships to nine law school students for the 2017-2018 school year. More details regarding the Foundation’s programs can be found in our [FY2017 Annual Report](#).

As in the past, the Foundation will recognize donors throughout the year, and each of our donors will be listed in our Annual Report. To encourage members within organizations to work together to support our programs, the

FCBA Foundation will recognize gifts by individuals or groups that choose to combine their contributions (for example, partners and associates in the same firm, employees of the same company, or old friends remembering a colleague) while also crediting the individual donors for their contributions.

Named Scholarships. Each year, we specially recognize those organizations that have funded Foundation scholarships in amounts of \$10,000 or more through our Named Scholarships program. Named Scholarship donors are acknowledged 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 FY2017, our Named Scholarship donors included 21st Century Fox; AT&T Services, Inc.; Comcast Corporation; Consumer Technology Association (CTA)TM; Cox Enterprises, Inc.; CTIA; Google; National Association of Broadcasters; NCTA – The Internet & Television Association; Sidley Austin LLP and The Sidley Austin Foundation; Sinclair Broadcast Group; The Karen Kincaid Scholarship Fund sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen’s Friends; The Young Lawyers and Charity Auction; T-Mobile US, Inc.; Verizon; and Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP.

Honorary Degrees. Organizations donating between \$2,000 and \$9,999 will be recognized with the following “honorary degrees”:

Masters of Media	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Bachelors of Broadband	\$2,000 - \$4,999

In FY2017, Time Warner Inc. and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP reached the level of “Masters of Media.” Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC; Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; Latham & Watkins LLP; Lerman Senter PLLC; and Windstream became “Bachelors of Broadband.”

Gems (Individuals). In addition, individual donations will be recognized at the following levels:

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

Our Annual Report recognized more than 100 individual FCBA members who donated to the Foundation this past fiscal year, including nine who reached the “Diamond” level.

The FCBA Foundation is extremely grateful for every contribution, no matter its size. We thank you for the time and talent that each of you contributes to the FCBA Foundation, and we look forward to hearing from you regarding the Foundation and its programs.

Very truly yours,

Darah Franklin and Aspa Paroutsas
Co-Chairs, 2017-2018 FCBA Foundation Board of Trustees

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.

Get to Know an FCBA MEMBER

Karen Brinkmann

By: Laura Phillips

Karen Brinkmann has had a distinguished career both inside and outside of the FCC as a communications lawyer and counselor. She was a legal advisor to FCC Chairman Reed Hundt and was a partner at Latham and Watkins, but for the last six years, Karen has operated her own firm specializing in telecom, media and technology law. I was delighted to have a chance to sit down for lunch and catch up with Karen. I was eager to get her thoughts about the challenges of a career representing companies in the communications sector.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I really fell into communications by luck, when I was looking for something interesting to do after college. I was well advised by some house-mates to look into paralegal work with one of DC's many law firms. So I applied everywhere. While a Brown University undergrad, I worked at the radio station, WBRU. I listed it on my resume, which caught Gary Epstein's eye when he was hiring a paralegal, back when he was the head of the new communications practice group at Latham and Watkins. At the time, they had about four associates. I found to my surprise I really loved the work and was good at it. We did extensive work for one of the first private communications satellite operators, and even helped with a Japanese government-sponsored satellite consortium. We helped some of the earliest cellular telephone licensees through the FCC lottery process and related litigation (back when cellular phones were giant bricks). We helped companies navigate the newly crafted FCC access charges. I also did a fair amount of transactional and regulatory work for radio and TV stations as counsel to many broadcast groups (in the days before consolidation). And I started working for Alaska telecom providers, work I still enjoy today. The firm gave me whatever work I could handle, including a fair amount of writing, and I found it more interesting than any job I had before. So after a couple of years, I decided it was probably time to go to law school and I started at NYU, graduating in 1988.

I am sure I was the only person in my law school class who aspired to be a communications lawyer.

Once I came out of law school, I tried a stint at the DC office of a large New York firm, focusing on international work, but I have to confess I didn't really love that environment. After 13 months, I returned to Latham and I was very happy as an associate there for another 4 years, working again for Gary Epstein and a much-expanded communications group and corporate department. During those years I got to know Reed Hundt but didn't work much with him. Then in May 1993 (while I was on maternity leave) Reed contacted me because he'd been nominated for chair of the FCC. As a litigator primarily focused on antitrust, he believed that I could be helpful as one of his legal advisors because of my knowledge of the agency. While intrigued, I was a little concerned about leaving the firm for the FCC Chairman's office. Once again, I received some good advice (this time from my boss) -- to go -- and looking back, I have to say it was the best job I can imagine for a young communications lawyer. It was not without its challenges, especially for a new parent. I found I needed to set my own boundaries on when to leave the office, or to say no to that additional meeting or project. Reed thankfully encouraged that. Between 1993 and 1997 we had a lot of exciting projects, including implementation of the first-ever spectrum auctions under the 1993 OBRA, and implementation of the Telecom Act of 1996. Many FCC staffers and commissioners worked around the

clock to meet statutory deadlines, but there was a collaborative atmosphere in those days. We got a lot done. I had my second child while at the FCC and moved downstairs, to the fifth floor, and later to 2025 M; I thought the work environment in the bureaus would be somewhat less intense, but the hours still were long and the work no less interesting.

In July 1997 I decided that, while it had been fun, I was ready for something else. I returned to Latham as "of counsel" and in a couple of years made partner. I had a number of great years there, practicing law, focusing on associate development for our practice group, and wearing some different administrative hats as well.

Eventually however, I determined that my clients would be better served if I went out on my own. I've been able to maintain a varied and interesting practice and I've thankfully been able to rely on my husband's help with back-office matters, so it has been an easy transition. In some cases I function as the "Washington office" for my clients, helping them with a fairly wide range of tasks involving the federal government. One great thing about working for myself as I can work from almost anywhere. And the internal organization meetings are mercifully short.

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

A: I would never suggest that I had a plan -- I've just been open to doing things that just seemed interesting to me, and willing to make a change when new opportunities presented themselves. While that might not be ideal for everyone, it's worked for me. I have always tried to look at my career as a marathon, not a sprint, and in the long haul I have been very lucky and very happy with where it has taken me.

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

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KAREN BRINKMANN

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A: Several people who have mentored me have made lasting impressions. Reed Hundt was surprising in many ways, including in his ability to take in new information, learn it so quickly, adjust his thinking, and change course as needed. He initially approached the FCC as a litigator, and did not understand why the commissioners did not act more like judges, considering the papers and making wise choices based on the presented materials. He came to realize the value of taking “ex parte” meetings on the big policy proceedings before the Commission. The give and take with the industry, consumers, and Congress are a useful to FCC’s policy-making process (the legislative side of the agency), allowing the decision-makers to ask questions and get input from all sides before making decisions, helping to avoid unintended consequences. Reed also tried to shape the agency’s culture and encourage a multi-disciplinary approach at the FCC, for example, embracing economists and MBAs as well as lawyers, engineers, accountants and other specialists. During Reed’s Chairmanship, economists were integrally involved in recommending options and developing solutions (the spectrum auctions being a prime example). Reed always was open to new perspectives.

I also have high praise for Aileen Pisciotta, one of my earliest mentors at Latham and Watkins, who counselled me early in my career that you have to be your own best advocate -- Do not wait for permission to speak if you have something to contribute. If you know your stuff, step up and show it. I will always be grateful for that bit of advice.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: I read history as well as novels. In terms of a recently read book I’ve really enjoyed I would have to say was a great autobiography that was written by Simone Veil in 2009 called “A Life.” Veil died this past summer. She was an amazing woman who lost many in her Jewish family in World War II, was in concentration camps herself, and who was an outspoken member of the French government for many years, frequently fighting for changes in law to promote the welfare of women and children, and improve the lot of the disenfranchised in general. She also was the first woman President of the European Parliament. She is remembered for having pushed the French government to acknowledge the complicity of the Vichy regime with the Nazis in deportations from France to concentration camps during World War II. At the time when she was the only woman member of the Assemblée Nationale, her male colleagues tried to ostracize her and paint her as disloyal. She stood her ground, and eventually was successful.

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

A: As I mentioned above, you need to be your own advocate; don’t assume that anyone else is spending their time worrying about your advancement. And while you shouldn’t be afraid to speak up if you have something to say, be sure to do your homework first, so when you do speak, you know what you are talking about. I’d also suggest that people do what they can to mentor others coming up in the field -- and not always reflexively

mentor people who look like them. Diversity is important to all successful enterprises.

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

A: My “second country” is France. I love to visit as often as possible. I spent a year living in Paris in college, and I maintain many friendships there. Now my daughter is working in France, so I have yet another reason to visit. My husband and I toy with the idea of moving to France eventually, so it’s great to have the flexibility to be able to work from there or elsewhere, thanks to advanced communications networks!

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

A: I’ve been a member almost as long as I have been a lawyer. For me the most rewarding aspect of FCBA membership is the great work the FCBA Foundation does awarding college scholarships and government internship stipends, and mentoring the recipients. It’s really moving to meet these young people, talk to them about their aspirations, and help them get a leg up. And serving on the Foundation board was a great experience, too. I would also say that, when I was active in the New York bar, the CLEs offered by the FCBA were a great help in making sure I met all my bar requirements.

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

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LAW FIRM/CORPORATE

11.17.1

Government Relations Counsel – (Baltimore, MD) – The Government Relations Counsel will provide legal analysis and advice to internal clients regarding right-of-way access rights, utility infrastructure access rights, permitting, private easements, project deployment and network operations. The appropriate candidate will work well in a team environment and have a thorough understanding of local government permitting processes and procedures.

Essential Job Functions

- Provide legal support to Crown Castle's government relations team responsible for submitting and acquiring permits and other entitlement applications and agreements necessary for the installation of Crown Castle's facilities on utility poles and other infrastructure within the public right of way;
- Provide legal support to Crown Castle's implementation and asset management teams to ensure compliance with permitting conditions of approvals during construction phases and operation of networks;
- Provide legal support for Crown Castle's government relations team's efforts to negotiate franchise and other right-of-way use agreements in accordance with Crown standards and parameters;
- Maintain relationships with municipalities and provide counsel regarding compliance with conditions of approvals from

municipalities for installation, and operation and maintenance of Crown Castle's facilities; will be called upon to interface with City Attorneys' offices and City staff regarding legal matters related to municipal codes and procedures; provide effective communications regarding Crown Castle's right to occupy the right-of-way;

- Provide legal support to internal clients regarding municipal code and/or zoning ordinance changes;
- Maintain internal record-keeping system; and
- Litigation support as needed.

Education/Certifications

- Bachelor's Degree
- Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school
- Attorney's License

Experience/Minimum Requirements

- Two (2) to Four (4) years proven experience working in a utility, municipality, or Planning, Zoning, and Land Use capacity; or equivalent in a comparable industry or relevant military experience.
- Experience presenting and speaking in public and/or before governmental entities required.
- Must be experienced in navigating corporate or military command structures and working within a corporate environment.
- Experience working with design teams, preparation of permits drawings and construction documents, and construction preferred.
- Demonstrated responsibility for administering a group or program budget preferred.
- Litigation or litigation support experience preferred.
- Experience in constructing and administering community outreach programs preferred.

Other Skills/Abilities

- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work with individuals of diverse background, personalities and opinions
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Working knowledge of MS Office
- Wireless industry experience preferred.

For more information about the practice and to apply, please visit the Careers page <http://www.crowncastle.com/careers-landing.aspx>.

11.17.2

Government Relations Specialist – (Baltimore, MD) – The Government Relations Specialist provides assistance and administrative support to the Regional Government Relations team, primarily the Government Relations Manager. Primary responsibilities include researching, preparing, and submitting Authorizations Analyses to

the Government Relations Manager for each prospective opportunity. Additionally, the Government Relations Specialist performs the initial interface with local municipal staff as part of conducting researching relevant processes for network requirements and to secure requisite authorizations.

Essential Job Functions

- Provides support with all aspects of preparing and securing entitlement applications and agreements as needed for installation of Crown Castle facilities within the public right of way
- Assists in researching and preparing Authorizations Analyses detailing the applicable process and associated costs and timelines for each jurisdiction contemplated in new project opportunities.
- Use mapping database to correlate facility placement with jurisdictional boundaries.
- Assists in the negotiation of right-of-way use agreements as needed in accordance with Crown Castle standards and parameters.
- Maintains relationships with municipalities and manage all aspects of complying with conditions of approvals from municipalities for installation, operation and maintenance of Crown Castle facilities. Will also be called upon to interface with municipal staff and to effectively communicate in support of our networks.
- Serves as liaison between Crown Castle's district Government Relations group and Implementation group to obtain, administer and ensure compliance with general conditions of approvals at permit and construction stages of the project, meeting project timelines
- Support the Network Real Estate regional team on review of agreements and review of municipal code and/or zoning ordinance changes in collaboration with counsel in the course of Crown Castle installing and maintaining facilities and operating its networks
- Provides research and advice to internal clients regarding access rights, permitting, and project deployment
- Interact with customers and vendors to ensure proper communication on and coordination of various project-related initiatives

Education/Certifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience

Experience/Minimum Requirements

- Two (2) to four (4) years proven experience working in a municipality in a Planning, Zoning, and/or Land Use capacity or Wireless Industry required or equivalent in a comparable industry or relevant military experience.

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- Experience deploying distributed network systems within the context of deploying telecommunications networks within the public way preferred.
- Basic knowledge of MapInfo or similar GIS database preferred.
- Experience in presenting and speaking to the public and governmental entities desired.
- Must be experienced in navigating corporate environment and working within a corporate group context.
- Experience working with design teams, facilitation of permit drawings and construction documents related to outside plant construction required.
- Experience in constructing and administering effective community outreach programs desirable.

Other Skills/Abilities

- Excellent organizational skills
- Ability to prioritize and multi-task
- Self-starter and ability to work independently
- Keen attention to detail

For more information about the practice and to apply, please visit the Careers page <http://www.crowncastle.com/careers-landing.aspx>.

11.17.3

Government Relations Project Manager – (Baltimore, MD and Whitestone, NY) –

The Government Relations Project Manager is responsible for project managing the efficient and timely delivery of required Network Real Estate entitlements to meet and exceed internal and external customer expectations and objectives. The position carries a high level of responsibility and must adhere to established schedules to facilitate timely delivery of the customer order. The ideal candidate will offer the following abilities and knowledge, as demonstrated in employment history or other experience: Negotiating right-of-way access agreements, experience preparing and submitting permit packages, processing permits by interfacing with local governments, securing requisite entitlements to allow network development, and an understanding of construction plans/drawings.

Essential Job Functions

- Has primary responsibility in all aspects of submitting and acquiring entitlements and agreements needed for installation of Crown Castle facilities located on poles and other infrastructure within the public right of way and public utility easements.
- Negotiate right-of-way access agreements and similar authorizations as needed in accordance with Crown Castle standards and parameters.
- Responsible for representation before local agencies and represent Crown Castle before jurisdictional planning authorities and city councils.

- Interface with jurisdictional staff on matters related to applicable laws, codes and ordinances and effectively communicate and leverage regulatory status in support of deployment objections.
- Advocate and articulate Crown Castle's regulatory rights and ability place and maintain communication facilities in consultation with counsel.
- Collaborate and coordinate with internal functional groups to resolve issues, to facilitate progress and to achieve milestone targets, with the goal of delivering networks on-time and on-budget.
- Drive NRE functions associated with projects; review project reports and identify issues in reporting or task completion; understanding and adherence to NRE cycle times; and providing and achieving project forecasting accuracy.

Education/Certifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience
- Juris Doctor a plus

Experience/Minimum Requirements

- Three (3) to five (5) years proven experience working for a wireless carrier or wireless services/ site acquisition, external/regulatory/ governmental affairs consulting firm, a utility, a jurisdictional, or Planning, Zoning, and Land Use capacity required or equivalent in a comparable industry or relevant military experience required.

Other Skills/Abilities

- Experience in presenting and speaking to the public and governmental entities.
- Experience working with engineering teams, preparation of permit applications and construction documents and network construction required.
- Familiarity with and experience of the rules and policies of the Public Utilities Commission desirable.
- Experience deploying distributed network systems within the context of deploying telecommunications networks within the public way preferred.
- Familiarity with and experience of the rules and policies of the federal Telecommunications Act, State statutes and local ordinances governing telecommunications deployed in the public right of way. Public Utility Code, and Public Utilities/Public Service Commission desirable.

For more information about the practice and to apply, please visit the Careers page <http://www.crowncastle.com/careers-landing.aspx>.

11.17.4

Partner-Level Attorneys –

Telecommunications Law Professionals PLLC (TLP) is a successful and growing boutique telecommunications law firm with a client-centric philosophy and a collegial atmosphere. Our attorneys find practicing telecommunications law to be both enjoyable and rewarding. We are planning for steady, managed growth by adding experienced attorneys with excellent credentials and a demonstrated ability to attract clients. We are building a platform that allows attorneys to flourish without having to obsess over billable hour targets and ever-increasing hourly rates. TLP offers attorneys control over their billing rates, and the flexibility to formulate creative, alternative fee arrangements that are attractive to sophisticated clients in today's competitive legal market. And, low overhead and efficient management will enable you to keep a higher percentage of the fruits of your labor. Interested parties should send a resume and cover letter to Michael Lazarus at mlazarus@telecomlawpros.com. Principals only. Confidentiality assured.

11.17.5

Technology, Media and Telecom Associate

– The Washington, DC office of Dentons US LLP is seeking an associate with 2-5 years of experience and excellent academic credentials to join the Communications and Technology sector within our Federal Regulatory and Compliance practice. The associate hired for this position will work closely with partners and associates on matters related to telecom, media, wireless, cable, privacy and data security. Expected responsibilities will include:

- Handling a broad range of technology, media and telecom matters for high-profile clients who rely on the practice to solve their most complex problems
- Supporting the practice by performing general research and writing
- Counseling clients on legal and policy matters
- Negotiating and handling dispute resolution for a variety of clients that depend on communications and technology to conduct their business

This is a great opportunity to become part of a sophisticated and growing Communications and Technology practice of a global law firm, and to join with a team of lawyers who are passionate about their work.

Position Requirements

Personal Skills/Attributes

- Is organized, efficient, and able to prioritize, delegate, and manage complex and detail-oriented assignments

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- Has excellent written and oral communication skills and an ability to effectively communicate research and advice through written work product and direct client engagement
- Has strong analytical skills, thinks creatively and can offer unique perspectives on complicated issues
- Embraces teamwork and values collaboration

Technical Skills

- 2-5 years of prior experience related to telecom, media, wireless and cable issues is required
- Prior relevant TMT experience, whether in-house, FCC or law-firm, is preferred
- Privacy and data security experience and/or any technical education or background is a plus

Other Requirements

- Must be admitted to a state bar and/or eligible for the district of Columbia bar

For more information about the practice and to apply, please visit the Careers page on the Dentons website at www.dentons.com.

11.17.6

Telecommunications Associate – The Telecommunications Practice Team is growing and seeking to hire an Associate, full or part time, with 5-10 years of experience, to be resident in the Washington, DC Office. The successful candidate will have experience with federal telecommunications regulatory and compliance matters, including FCC licensing and enforcement as well as regulations regarding broadband network deployment generally. Experience with privacy and cybersecurity regulations a plus but not necessary. Candidates who wish to apply should submit a cover letter, resume, official transcript and a writing sample to Sandra E. Langs, Esq. via email at slangs@phillipslytle.com or via mail to:

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11.17.7

Telecommunications Associate – Boutique Telecommunications Law Firm is searching for a hardworking, detail oriented, client-focused attorney with experience in Telecom or similar field. Herman Whiteaker currently seeking an Associate to join our small, but growing firm.

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This position will handle regulatory and compliance issues for our clients.

Duties will include legal research, writing, advocacy and counseling clients on regulatory, contractual and transactional telecom matters.

Must have JD, 5-10 years of telecommunications legal experience, or other similar regulatory experience. Must be a self-starter, able to work clients, and be able to handle the ever growing and changing legal matters in the telecom industry.

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11.17.8

Staff Attorney/Teaching Fellow – The Communications and Technology Law Practice Group of the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown Law is accepting applications for a two-year position as a staff attorney and clinical teaching fellow starting in August 2018. The Fellow will represent non-profit organizations in cases before the FCC, the FTC, and federal appellate courts. The Fellow will gain valuable teaching credentials by supervising law students and will receive an L.L.M. degree in Advocacy at the successful conclusion of the Fellowship.

The salary is \$57,000 for the first year and \$60,000 for the second year. The fellow also receives health and dental benefits and all tuition and fees in the L.L.M. program.

Applicants should be admitted to the District of Columbia or another state bar.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- an interest in media, telecommunications, privacy, freedom of speech, or related legal fields;
- practice experience in a law school clinic, a public interest organization, government, a law firm, or as a judicial clerk;
- strong analytical and communication skills;
- experience in supervision;
- an interest in teaching law students in a clinical setting; and
- a commitment to serving the public interest.

Please submit:

- a personal statement explaining the applicant's interest in the position
- a résumé
- a law school transcript
- a list of references, including contact information
- one or two recent writing samples that best represent the applicant's analytical and writing abilities.

The application materials should be sent in a single PDF file attached to an email to Niko Perazich at nwp2@georgetown.edu.

Applications should be submitted no later than December 15, 2017.

COMMITTEE/CHAPTER EVENT *Registration Form*

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

- ☐ **Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. – CLE Seminar – Must-Carry/Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead.** Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW. Cost: \$135.00 for Private Sector Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional Members; No charge for Law Student Members; \$205.00 for Non-Members **Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, November 14, 2017.**
- ☐ **Monday, November 20, 2017, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. – CLE Seminar – International Privacy: U.S. Perspectives on EU Privacy Frameworks.** Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW. Cost: \$135.00 for Private Sector Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional Members; No charge for Law Student Members; \$205.00 for Non-Members **Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Friday, November 17, 2017.**
- ☐ **Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. – CLE Seminar – Lobbying Disclosure Act Compliance and Congressional Ethics Rules: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary.** Location: TBD. Cost: \$135.00 for Private Sector Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional Members; No charge for Law Student Members; \$205.00 for Non-Members **Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Monday, December 11, 2017.**

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

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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31ST ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S DINNER *Registration*

Thursday, December 7, 2017

**THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL
1919 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW**

**RECEPTION - 5:45 P.M.
DINNER - 7:15 P.M. - INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM**

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____ table(s) (ten guests per table) at \$3,300.00 per table or ____ table(s) (ten guests per table) at \$2,950.00 per table

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____ FCBA Government/Academic/Transitional/Law Student Member ticket(s) at \$120.00 each

____ Non-Member ticket(s) at \$395.00 each

Contact Name _____

Organization _____

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PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATING IS RESERVED AND TICKETS WILL BE PREPARED FOR PICK-UP FROM THE FCBA OFFICE AFTER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations will be accepted and fees refunded if notice is received in writing no later than Tuesday, November 28. No refunds will be granted after this time.

BUSINESS ATTIRE

Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulation on widely-attended gatherings (5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2)), the Chairman's Dinner appears to qualify as a widely attended gathering. The value of an individual ticket to the dinner is \$295.00. Most employees of the Federal Communications Commission may be directly invited to attend the dinner as guests of individuals and organizations purchasing tables or tickets. In most cases, individuals and organizations may issue invitations to the Chairman's Dinner without the involvement of the FCBA. Some agencies, departments and branches of the Federal Government, however, apply additional stipulations above the regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics. Individuals who have signed the Administration's Ethics pledge cannot accept invitations from most registered lobbying organizations or registered lobbyists. While this event has qualified as a widely-attended-gathering in previous years, each FCC employee is required to obtain individual ethics clearance based on matters they are working on within the Commission. Employees of the Commerce Department are required to obtain individual ethics clearance through the Department's Office of General Counsel. Invitations to Members of Congress, Congressional Staff, and employees of the Department of State must be issued by the FCBA. Contact the FCBA for additional information. ****Requests for invitations to be sent from the FCBA must be emailed to kerry@fcba.org by Monday, November 20. Invitations will be issued on a "first-come, first-served" basis and invitees placed at the discretion of the FCBA.**

35th Annual INSTITUTE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY & REGULATION REGISTRATION

CO-SPONSORED BY THE FCBA AND THE PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE

Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8, 2017

WASHINGTON HILTON, 1919 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC

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_____ I am a member of the FCBA and/or PLI (Registration Fee is \$1,615.50)

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Four ways to register:

MAIL THIS FORM AND A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE "PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE" TO:

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2017 FCBA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY *Order Form*

Copies of the 2017 FCBA Membership Directory are available for purchase at a cost of \$60.00 for FCBA Members, \$35.00 for Law Student Members, and \$125.00 for Non-Members and in accordance with the terms set forth on this form. There is a 10% discount for orders of 10 or more Directories. **(Please add 5.75% sales tax for orders sent to DC addresses).**

Please note that the Directory is available solely for the personal and professional use of FCBA members and other purchasers of the Directory. All uses for commercial purposes are prohibited without prior written approval of the FCBA's Executive Director. By purchasing the Directory and signing below, purchaser agrees that they will not, and will not knowingly authorize or permit others to, duplicate, reproduce or copy the information printed in the Directory without the express written consent of the Association.

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

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS BAR ASSOCIATION 2017-2018 COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Registration*

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ORGANIZATION _____

STANDING COMMITTEES

	Access to Government
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	Intellectual Property
	International Telecommunications
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	Legislative
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Descriptions of the focus and work of Standing Committees may be found in the Constitution and By-laws in the FCBA Directory and on the FCBA website.

Please indicate your committee/chapter choices and return this form to:

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

Calendar

November 9	Wireline Committee Brown Bag Lunch
November 9	FCBA Program: Third Annual Wireless Legal Seminar for the West presented in association with CTIA and Davis Wright Tremaine LLP (Seattle, WA)
November 13	CLE Seminar: Continuing the Discussion: Closing the Digital Divide for All Americans presented by the Engineering and Technical Committee
November 14	Mass Media Committee Brown Bag Lunch
November 15	FCC Enforcement Committee Brown Bag Lunch
November 15	CLE Seminar: Must-Carry/Retransmission Consent at a Quarter Century: A Look Back and a Look Ahead presented by the Mass Media and Video Programming and Distribution Committees
November 20	CLE Seminar: International Privacy: U.S. Perspectives on EU Privacy Frameworks presented by the Privacy and Data Security Committee
November 29	New York Chapter Meet and Greet Lunch Event featuring Commissioner O'Rielly
December 6	Engineering and Technical and Young Lawyers Committees Brown Bag Lunch
December 7	31st Annual Chairman's Dinner
December 7-8	35th Annual PLI and FCBA Conference
December 8	Intellectual Property Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 12	Mass Media Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 12	CLE Seminar: Lobbying Disclosure Act Compliance and Congressional Ethics Rules: Avoiding Traps for the Unwary presented by the Legislative Committee
December 15	Mass Media Committee Brown Bag Lunch
February 7	Engineering and Technical Committee Brown Bag Lunch
February 8	Eighth Annual Mentoring Supper presented by the FCBA Young Lawyers Committee and the WBA's Communications Law Forum
February 9-10	24th Annual National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition held at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law
May 4-6	Annual Seminar – Kingsmill Resort & Spa, Williamsburg, VA



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