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**December 2005** 

Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

#### 19th Annual Chairman's Dinner on December 8

The 19th Annual FCBA Chairman's Dinner where FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin, will give remarks, will be held on Thursday, December 8, at the Washington Hilton & Towers. Don't miss this premiere, annual FCBA event

Please remind your guests that the location of the reception has changed from previous years. This year the **reception** will be held in the **Exhibit Hall** which is on the Ballroom level of the hotel, the same level as the dinner.

If you find that you need additional seating at a particular table, we can add up to two (2) additional places per table, at a cost of \$180.00 per person. There are also full tables still available if you determine that another table is needed. The deadline for adding additional seats to existing tables or adding additional tables is COB, Monday December 5th. Please contact Stan Zenor if you have any questions regarding the dinner.

Chairman Martin was nominated by President George W. Bush to a Republican seat on the Commission, and was sworn in on July 3, 2001. He was designated chairman by President Bush on March 18, 2005.

Before joining the FCC, Martin was a Special

Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. He served on the Bush - Cheney Transition Team and was Deputy General Counsel for the Bush campaign. Prior to joining the campaign, Martin was an advisor to



Kevin J. Martin

FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth. He has also served in the Office of the Independent Counsel and worked as an associate at the Washington, DC law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Before joining Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Martin was a judicial clerk for U.S. District Court Judge William M. Hoeveler, Miami, FL.

Martin received a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Masters in Public Policy from Duke University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Federal Communications Bar Association.

## "Looking Forward, Looking Back": FCBA Launches 70th Anniversary Celebration

On **Friday**, **January 20**, the FCBA will launch its celebration of 70 years of service by presenting a luncheon panel featuring former FCC Chairmen **William Kennard**, **Michael Powell**, **James Quello**, **Alfred Sikes** (tentative), and **Richard Wiley**. The former Chairmen will discuss their perspectives on the evolution of the communications industry, the Commission, and our bar association, under the theme "Looking Forward, Looking Back." The event, moderated by former FCBA President Jonathan Blake (1984-85) and current President Michele Farquhar, will be held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Registration information is on page 10.

Further details will be provided in the January FCBA News and future announcements.

## This Month's Key Events

#### Cable Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 6, 12:15 p.m. Location: Willkie Farr & Gallagher, 1875 K Street, NW ► SEE PAGE 5

#### 19th Annual Chairman's Dinner

Date/Time: Thursday,
December 8, Reception 6:00
p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Location: Washington
Hilton, 1919 Connecticut
Avenue – Exhibit Hall and
International Ballroom
Dress Code: Business Attire

## Mass Media Brown

**Date/Time:** Monday, December 12, 12:15 p.m. **Topic:** "Meet the Trade Press" **Location:** NAB, 1771 N Street

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## Cable, Mass Media and YLC Winter Social

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Location: Sign of the Whale, 1825 M Street ► SEE PAGE 5

#### **Holiday Volunteering**

Date: Sunday, December 25 Location: Martha's Table and McKenna's Wagon ► SEE PAGE 8

## Membership Directory

The FCBA will begin production of the annual FCBA Membership Directory this month. If you have recently moved, please notify the FCBA of any company name, personal name, address, email, phone or fax changes as soon as possible. Please email changes to Wendy Parish – wendy@fcba.org. Thank you.

## **PRESIDENT'S** Message

#### **DEAR MEMBERS:**

As the FCBA Foundation prepares to celebrate its 15th Anniversary this coming year, it is timely to highlight its many beneficial programs and to encourage members to contribute generously to its upcoming efforts.

First, the upcoming FCBA Chairman's Dinner sponsorships provide critical funding for the Foundation's college scholarship program for D.C. high school students. The Chairman's Dinner alone has raised about \$31,000 for



scholarships each of the last two years. The Foundation will also begin its Annual Giving campaign this month, and Federal employees can now donate to the Foundation through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Second, the Foundation is collecting gifts this month for Families Forward, an organization that helps needy families in the metropolitan area. Thanks to David O'Neil, Mary Plantamura, and Pamela Cooper for spearheading this wonderful activity.

Third, Howard Weiss, Megan Stull, and Cara Voth lead the Foundation's important volunteer activities, including monthly programs with McKenna's Wagon and Martha's Table. Several FCBA Committees have already volunteered to assist at Martha's Table for particular months this coming year – watch for details in the FCBA News.

Finally, thanks to the many FCBA members who made this year's Charity Auction such an enormous success, starting with the hard-working volunteers and committee members, as well as the auction bidders and participants.

The auction – sponsored by the Foundation as well as the Young Lawyers Committee — broke yet another record this year, raising more than \$75,000 for KEEN – Kids Enjoy Exercise Now Greater D.C. Special thanks to David Don, Christopher Fedeli, Jason Friedrich, Paige Fronabarger, Adam Kirschenbaum, Heidi Kurtz, Lee Petro, Natalie Roisman, Pam Slipakoff, Debrea Terwilliger, Mark Van Bergh and Ryan Wallach.

The FCBA benefits enormously from the many community service and charitable activities of our Foundation, and your contributions provide critical ongoing support for these efforts. The Foundation Board members, led by Chair Mark Van Bergh, are listed below – please let them know of your interest in particular projects or in launching new programs.

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## **CLE** Seminars

Save the Date! **Tuesday, January 17, 2006** – the Transactional Practice Committee is planning a CLE Seminar on FCC concerns/issues for private equity funds investing in the communications/telecommunications industries. More info to come in the January *FCBA News*.

## February 16 - FCC Regulation of New Technologies

The Engineering and Technical Practice Committee has put together a CLE Seminar to be held Thursday, February 16 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. at Dow Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC. Registration information is on page 10.

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

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

#### Moderator:

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

#### Panelists:

Mitchell Lazarus, Member, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC Dr. Rashmi Doshi, Chief, Laboratory Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC Karl Nebbia, Deputy Associate Administrator for Domestic Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications Information

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Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Adelstein, FCC Jay Birnbaum, Vice President and General Counsel at CURRENT Communications Group, LLC, and CURRENT Technologies, LLC

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

The transformation of telecommunications from an analog, narrowband network optimized for voice to a digital, broadband network optimized for data traffic has created a myriad of challenges for businesses, policymakers, and academics alike. The questions range from those involving what institutions courts, agencies, standard setting bodies, or international treaty organizationscan address technology policy questions to those involving the emerging structure of the telecommunications industry and whether it is an effective response to or possible barrier to continued innovation. Similarly, the development of video content over the Internet is emerging as a challenge that will potentially transform the video programming industry, both respect to the re-thinking of regulatory strategies and the role of digital rights management systems.

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

## Schedule of Events: Sunday, Feb. 19th

## LINDSLEY MEMORIAL COURTROOM

#### 9:15-9:30

#### WELCOME

**Phil Weiser** 

Executive Director, Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program

#### 9:30-11:30

OVERVIEW PANEL: THE INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

**Phil Weiser** (Moderator)

Executive Director, Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program

#### **Ray Gifford**

President, Progress and Freedom Foundation

#### Dale Hatfield

Univ. of Colorado, former FCC Chief Engineer

#### Howard Shelanski

Univ. of California, Berkeley, former FCC Chief Economist

#### Steven F. Williams

Judge, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals

#### Jon Nuechterlein

Partner, Wilmer Cutler, former FCC Deputy General Counsel

#### 11:30-1:00 LUNCH

#### 1:00-3:00

## VIDEO OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL

**Peter Rohrbach** (Moderator)

Partner, Hogan and Hartson

Susan Crawford (Presenter)

Cardozo Univ.

**Robert Pepper** (Presenter)

Cisco Systems

Timothy Wu (Presenter)

Univ. of Virginia

**Dorothy Atwood** (Discussant)

Sr. VP, SBC, Regulatory Planning and Policy

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## **CLE** Seminars

#### DIGITAL BROADBAND CLE

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Paul Glist (Discussant)
Partner, Cole Raywid
Stephan Shelanski (Discussant)
Sr. VP, Starz Entertainment Group

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-5:00 DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

Natalie Hanlon-Leh (Moderator)
Partner, Faegre & Benson
Tom Lookabaugh (Presenter)
Univ. of Colorado

**Randy Picker** (Presenter) *Univ. of Chicago* 

**Chris Sprigman** (Presenter)

Univ. of Virginia

Richard Green (Discussant)

CEO, Cablelabs

Preston Padden (Discussant)

Exec VP, Disney

Gigi Sohn (Discussant)

Public Knowledge

5:15-6:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Bob Kahn** Internet Pioneer

6:15-7:15

RECEPTION (SPONSORED BY PERKINS COIE)

Schedule of Events: Monday, Feb. 20th

UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL CENTER

9:00-10:00 CLOSING SPEAKER

**Michael K. Powell** former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

10:00-12:00 INDUSTRY STRUCTURE

**Sean Lindsay** (Moderator) VP and Deputy Gen Counsel, Qwest **Antoinette Cook Bush** (Presenter)

Partner, Skadden Arps **Mark Cooper** (Presenter)

Director of Research, Consum Fed. Of

**Aaron Edlin** (Presenter) Univ. of California, Berkeley **Fred Kahn** (Presenter) former CAB Head

**Douglas Melamed** (Presenter) former Antitrust Chief **E.M. Scherer** (Presenter) former Chief Economist, FTC

12:00-1:30 LUNCH/LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Jim Crowe
President and CEO, Level 3
Communications

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

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# Judges Needed for Moot Court Competition

The National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Committee is seeking interested attorneys to serve as judges for the 2006 competition. Judges are needed to grade briefs and to judge oral arguments, which will be held at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law on Friday, February 3, and Saturday, February 4, 2006. If you can help, please email Mia Hayes at nattel2006@gmail.com indicating whether you would like to grade briefs, judge oral arguments, or both. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in this season's competition.

## **COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER Events**

#### **Cable Practice Committee**

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 6, 2005

12:15 p.m.

**Location:** Willkie Farr & Gallagher,

1875 K Street, NW

Speaker: Donna C. Gregg - Chief, Media

Bureau, FCC

**Topic:** Regulatory Issues & Developments in

the Media Bureau

**RSVP to:** Ben Golant at ben.golant@fcc.gov

#### Cable Practice, Mass Media Practice, and Young Lawyers Committees

**Event:** Winter Social a.k.a. Happy Hour **Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 -

9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sign of the Whale, 1825 M Street **Other Information:** Come join your friends from the Cable, Mass Media, and Young Lawyers Committees for some happy hour cocktails and appetizers. For further information, please contact Frank Buono (202-303-1104 or fbuono@willkie.com), Ann

Bobeck (202-429-5456 or abobeck@nab.org), or Ryan Wallach (202-303-1159 or rwallach@willkie.com).

## **Common Carrier Practice Committee**

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, January 24, 12:15 - 1:30

p.m.

**Location:** TBD

**Topic:** Meet the Wireline Competition Bureau **Speakers:** Thomas Navin, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, and other WCB staff **RSVP to:** Wendy Parish - Wendy@fcba.org

#### Legislation and IP-Based Communications Practice Committees

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch

**Date/Time:** Friday, January 13, 12:15 p.m. **Locatio**n: Verizon Wireless, 1300 Eye Street,

NW, Suite 400 West

**Speakers:** Key Congressional staff and industry representatives have been invited.

**Topic:** Legislative Reform Affecting IP-Based Services

**RSVP to:** Ann Henson – ann@fcba.org

#### **Mass Media Practice Committee**

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch

**Date/Time:** Monday, December 12, 12:15

p.m.

Location: NAB, 1771 N Street, NW Topic: Meet the Trade Press RSVP to: none required. For more info: Ann Bobeck,

abobeck@nab.org

#### **Transactional Practice Committee**

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 11, 12:15

p.m.

**Location:** TBD

**Topic:** Implications of the recent Media Bureau

decisions rescinding grants of

assignment/transfer of control applications after

the parties have closed

For More Information: contact Howard

Liberman, hliberman@dbr.com

## **COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER News**

### Florida Chapter News

The Florida Chapter met on November 4, 2005, in Tallahassee, Florida, at the office complex of the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) for a CLE "Florida's entitled. program Telecommunications Future: Rebalancing and Universal Service." This was the Florida Chapter's first meeting in the state capital. Thirty-five participants enjoyed an excellent program and lively discussion of Florida telecom rate issues, as well as state and federal universal service issues. Florida Chapter extends a hearty thanks to moderators, Beth Keating from the Florida PSC and Bob Rowe from Balhoff Rowe, and panelists, Rick Melson and Greg Fogleman from the Florida PSC, Charles Rehwinkel from Sprint-Florida, Tracy Hatch and Mark Lemler from AT&T, Marva Johnson from Supra Telecom, Colin Sandy from NECA, Earl Poucher from the Florida Public



Counsel, and Rod DeYonker from BellSouth.

The Florida Chapter is currently planning two events for the first half of 2006: a central Florida program on regulatory enforcement issues and a south Florida program on cutting-edge wireless issues. The Florida Chapter is

eager to involve more communications professionals throughout the state of Florida in this growing FCBA chapter and welcomes input on its future programs. Please contact Will Cox, Florida Chapter Co-Chair, at wcox@abelband.com or 941-364-2733 for more information.

## **COMMITTEES AND CHAPTERS** in the Spotlight

(This new feature will run throughout the coming year to highlight each of the substantive committees and chapters.)

# National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Committee

The National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Committee is cochaired by

Ronald G. London of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Martin A. Price of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., and Jeffrey J. Gee of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC. The National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition is an appellate advocacy competition, focused on communications law and co-sponsored by the FCBA and Catholic University Law School. Every year, the competition draws teams from over a dozen leading law schools from across the country. The committee is responsible for drafting the fact pattern and underlying problem, preparing bench briefs for the competition's judges, recruiting judges and administering the competition in conjunction with Catholic University.

This year's competition centers on the (fictional) adoption of FCC rules that require cable and DBS systems to permit subscribers to purchase a block of "family-friendly" channels dedicated programming tier. analyze Participating teams will constitutional and administrative law issues attendant to FCC enactment of such a family-friendly programming scheme. This year's competition arises out of ongoing debates over whether cable and satellite providers should be required to offer "a la carte" channels as part of their video service packages, and out of the concerns some consumers have voiced over their perceived inability to sufficiently control the content of programming their families receive. Competition materials will be sent to competitors at the beginning of December. The oral arguments will take place at Catholic University Law School on February 3-4, 2006.

The committee is very pleased to announce that Judge Karen L. Henderson of the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit will be joining an all-star panel to judge the final round of the competition. Additional judges are needed both to judge the oral competition in February and to review the written briefs submitted in January. In addition, the committee seeks volunteers to help prepare the bench briefs and administer the competition. If you have expertise with subject matter of this year's competition or a general willingness to assist in the preparation or judging of the competition, your contribution is needed. Please contact Ronnie London (ronnielondon@dwt.com), Martin Price (MAPrice@HHLAW.com), or Jeff Gee (gee@fhhlaw.com).

## New England Chapter

The New England Chapter is managed by three co-chairs: Doug Denny-Brown, General Counsel and V.P. Regulatory Affairs for RNK Telecom, was chosen as a co-chair in January 2003 to replace Cameron Kerry, Partner in Mintz, Levin. Cynthia Larose, a Partner at Mintz, Levin, was chosen as a co-chair in May of 2004, and in August 2004, Stacey Parker, New England Director of Regulatory Affairs for Comcast, was chosen as co-chair.

In the past year, in May 2005, the New England Chapter held a two-panel event in Boston, Massachusetts entitled "VOIP: From Emergence to Abundance." The law firm of Nixon, Peabody LLP graciously hosted the event. The event was co-sponsored by the Boston Bar Association. Total attendance exceeded 60, with a large contingent of state PUC staff from several New England States. The business panel, consisting of speakers Dave Kowolenko, V.P.

Telephone, Eastern Division for Comcast; Julie Patterson, V.P. and Chief Counsel, Telephony, for Time Warner Cable; Jim Patterson, V.P. Carrier Access and Wholesale Markets for Sprint; and Richard Koch, President of RNK Telecom all presented interesting and educational PowerPoint presentations and fielded challenging questions. The legal/ regulatory panel, consisting of Cherie Kiser, Communications Chair at Mintz, Levin; Bob Atkinson, Director of Policy Research at CITI; James (Brad) Ramsay, General Counsel for NARUC; and Julie Patterson of Time Warner, all gave brief personal insights on VoIP, and then responded to a series of topical VoIP policy and legal questions asked by Moderator Doug Denny-Brown, FCBA

Following its successful VoIP panel event, in late October, 2005, the New England Chapter held another successful panel event in its "Cutting Edge" Technology Series, this time looking at three forms of wireless broadband: WiFi, WiMAX, and Ultrawideband. The event was hosted in Boston by the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C..

Julius (Julie) Knapp, Deputy Chief of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology started the event with a wonderful primer on how the three technologies worked and were different from one another. After Iulie's presentation, the Business/Technical panel took place. This panel was moderated by Doug Denny-Brown, General Counsel for RNK Telecom, and included as its members, Julie, and those representing a group of entities offering and using the different types of technologies, including: TowerStream, represented by Jeff Thompson, President and COO — Tropos Networks, represented by John E. Logan, Outside Counsel and Consultant — Sprint-Nextel, represented by Paul McCarthy, Director of Licensee Relations/Spectrum Management and the City of Malden, Massachusetts, represented by Anthony Rodrigues, Director of Information Technology.

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After the first panel, a Legal/Regulatory panel addressed legal and regulatory issues relevant to the technologies and their roll out, such as regulation, spectrum allocation issues, and municipal wireless broadband. The panel was moderated by Russell Fox, a Partner from the law firm of Mintz, Levin, with, as speakers, Bob Calaff, Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs for T-Mobile; Trey Hanbury, Senior Counsel for Sprint-Nextel; and John E. Logan, Outside Counsel for Tropos Networks. After the events, there was a cocktail hour during which many of the speakers and attendees mingled.

The New England Chapter has a great group of members, whose numbers are increasing, and most of whom attend each of the various events the co-chairs put together, adding their collective experience and wisdom. Among the events the New England Chapter is planning for the remainder of the 2005-2006 year is a panel event that will address the changing role of state public utility commissions and their relationship with the Federal Communications Commission, likely to occur in February.

## Professional Responsibility Committee

The FCBA's Professional Responsibility Committee is not the "ethics police" for the Association—but it can be a useful resource for members to stay abreast of ethics regulations that have a special impact on communications law practitioners. The Committee is chaired this year by Peter Connolly, of Holland & Knight, LLP; Rosemary Harold, of Wiley Rein & Fielding, LLP; and Larry Movshin, of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP.

As in the past, the Committee expects to serve three functions in 2005-2006: (1) discussing within the Committee and, as appropriate, alerting FCBA members to new developments in DC

Bar and ABA ethics rules and relevant court cases that are likely to have a general impact on Association members; (2) hosting a continuing legal education seminar (because many Bar Associations require some CLE on "ethics" to satisfy annual requirements); and (3) if necessary, evaluating and responding to ethics-related complaints submitted to the association by clients or others involved in particular matters.

On the new developments front, the Committee will continue efforts begun earlier this year to analyze and comment on proposed changes to the D.C. Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct. Amendments to the rules are now pending before the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The court is considering a lengthy list of changes to the existing rules; details are available on the D.C. Bar's website at www.dcbar.org/inside\_the\_bar/structure /reports/rules\_of\_professional\_conduct\_ review committee/index.cfm. Many of the proposals are not substantive, but two caught the eyes of Committee members—new language in comments 1.7(b)Rule concerning confidentiality obligations when representing multiple clients in a proceeding and revised wording in Rule 8.5 concerning potential sanctions for unauthorized practice in other jurisdictions.

The Committee also has begun planning for a CLE seminar, which likely will take place in February or March. Topics under consideration include the ethical dilemmas that arise in transactional representations or a comparison of the differences among the D.C., Virginia and/or Maryland bar rules on hot topics such as conflicts and multi-jurisdictional practice.

With respect to ethics complaints, the Committee Co-Chairs are happy to report that none currently are before us. The Committee has no power to conduct lengthy investigations of, or sanction, members, but it will respond to complaints or inquiries by providing information about the relevant ethical obligations of the Association's members; attempting—in appropriate circumstances—to mediate complaints; and, where warranted, referring complaining parties to other Bar authorities.

The Committee Co-Chairs welcome questions, comments, and expressions of interest from any potential new members. Contact Peter at (202) 862-5989 or pconnoll@hklaw.com; Rosemary at (202) 719-4901 or rharold@wrf.com; or Larry at (202) 383-3338 or lawrence.movshin@wbklaw.com.

## International Telecommunications Practice Committee to Volunteer at Martha's Table

On Sunday, January 29, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., members of the FCBA's International Practice Committee will be preparing and distributing food at Martha's Table, located at 2114 14th Street, N.W., in D.C., near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. The FCBA has been meeting monthly to volunteer at Martha's Table for many years. On the last Sunday of each month, one of the FCBA's Practice Committees takes the lead in staffing this volunteer effort. The International Practice Committee will staff the effort on January 29th. Volunteers are asked to bring sandwich fixings (bread and sandwich meat) with them, as the center often runs out of donated food. Please mark your calendars, bring your friends and participate in this great volunteer effort.

## **FCBA FOUNDATION** News

## McKenna's Wagon Seeking Volunteers for December 25

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

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

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

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

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

## Volunteer Outreach for Martha's Table – December 25

Many of us are stretched for time these days, but why not consider spending a few hours on a Sunday to help the FCBA Foundation's partner charities? For

several years now, the FCBA has been providing volunteers to Martha's Table and McKenna's Wagon. These organizations rely on the good work of our members each month, so grab a friend, colleague or family member and join your fellow FCBA volunteers!

Martha's Table feeds hundreds of hungry, homeless adults and children on the streets of Washington daily, through its mobile soup kitchen. Children and friends are also welcome. We will begin at 10:00 am and work until 1:00 pm. Martha's Table is located in a yellow building at 2114 Fourteenth Street, NW, in the District, near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. On-street parking is available. Volunteers are asked to bring sandwich fixings (bread and sandwich meat) with them, as the center often runs out of donated food.

The FCBA volunteers on the **last Sunday of the month**, and the **International Telecommunications Practice Committee is volunteering on January 29th**, so mark your calendars now. For more information, contact Howard Weiss at 703-812-0471 — weiss@fhhlaw.com or Heidi Kurtz at 202-293-4000 — heidi@fcba.org.

## **National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition - Call for Volunteers**

The FCBA and The Catholic University Columbus School of Law will co-sponsor the **2006 National Telecommunications**Moot Court Competition to be held February 3-4. This year's competition centers on the (fictional) adoption of Federal Communications Commission rules that require cable and DBS systems to permit subscribers to purchase the service provider's family-friendly channels on a dedicated programming tier. Participating teams will analyze constitutional and administrative law issues attendant to FCC enactment of such a family-friendly programming scheme. This year's competition arises out of ongoing debates over whether cable and satellite providers should be required to offer "a la carte" channels as part of their video service packages, and out of the concerns some consumers have voiced over their perceived inability to sufficiently control the content of programming their families receive. The FCBA Moot Court Committee seeks volunteers to help prepare the problem and administer the competition. If you have expertise with these issues, or a general willingness to assist in the preparation of the problem, bench brief and related tasks, your contribution is needed. Please contact Mia Hayes at NatTel2006@gmail.com for more information.

## TO RESPOND TO JOB BANK LISTINGS

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

#### TO LIST A JOB

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#### LAW FIRM/CORPORATE

#### 12.06.1

Media & Entertainment Lawyer - The Communications, Media, and Information Technology Department in the Seattle office of Davis Wright Tremaine is seeking a lawyer with a minimum of three years experience. This practice area involves a wide range of challenging and complex matters relating to the media and entertainment industry. Candidates must have three years experience in litigation, preferably with some focus on libel and privacy matters, intellectual property matters, and other issues of particular relevance to the media and entertainment industry. Davis Wright Tremaine is a recognized leader in this field, representing emerging and established companies on some of today's most challenging issues. Please send resume, a copy of your law school transcript, and brief writing sample to Deb Loken, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 2600 Century Square, 1501 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101-1688, or email your application materials to debloken@dwt.com.

#### 12.06.2

The closing of the Sprint Nextel merger signals the opening of a bright future for the Local Telecommunications Division of Sprint, first as a primary division of the combined company, and then in connection with a planned separation as an independent public company with a new name and brand in 2006. This new division will be located near the current Sprint World Headquarters in Overland Park, Kansas (the Kansas City, Missouri Metropolitan area.) The Local Telecommunications Division of Sprint provides local telephone and long distance services, including an expanding portfolio of bundled and integrated wireline and wireless services, as well as broadband and video services, to consumers in markets where Sprint is the incumbent local exchange carrier. The local division of Sprint serves 7.6 million customer access lines in 18 states. This division has revenues of \$6B with 20,000 employees and \$2B in operating income. The Local Telecommunications Division is currently searching for a Vice President, External Affairs. The Vice President of External Affairs will play an instrumental role in facilitating the company's operational success and attaining its strategic initiatives. This position will be responsible for: Working with senior management to establish the company's overall regulatory agenda, both federal and state, to maximize strategic advantage and opportunity. Serving as an articulate, persuasive spokesperson and company representative to all levels of state and federal governing bodies, as well as with industry peers and coalitions. Leading and managing a staff of attorneys, economists, policy and costing experts, lobbyists and public affairs specialists who represent the company before federal and state legislatures, before the FCC and state PUCs, in court appeals of regulatory decisions, and in the communities the company serves, to advance the company's policy agenda and protect the company's interests. Providing senior management with legal and quantitative analyses of alternative regulatory policies, and coordinating with other business units to develop regulatory and legislative positions that are aligned with the company's operational and strategic goals. Coordinating with and providing counsel to other business units to ensure compliance with applicable FCC and state PUC rules and reporting requirements. Establishing and maintaining effective and professional working relationships with regulatory policy decision-makers at the FCC and state PUCs, with key federal and state legislators, and with other industry participants and the academic community. Developing proactive regulatory policy advocacy plans, strategies and tactics with all necessary legal, policy and costing support, anticipating where resistance may be encountered and how to overcome it, and provide the resources to defend against complaints or regulatory initiatives of other parties that are adverse to the company's interests. Participating in the evaluation and execution of potential business opportunities which may include property sales and acquisitions, business cases, trades, mergers, alliances, etc., as directed by senior executive management. The successful candidate should

the requirements of the position. JD preferred. The new Vice President External Affairs must have subject matter expertise in the area of governmental, legislative and regulatory practices with superb communication and interpersonal skills sufficient to function successfully in a highly visible and challenging position. Ideally, the following background is preferred: Extensive regulatory or governmental experience with contacts at all levels of government. Experience in establishing corporate policies relative to government mandates and regulations. Experience assessing risks and business opportunities associated with governmental, legislative or regulatory challenges. A proven ability to respond creatively and strategically in the face of such risks/opportunities, particularly with the added pressures of acute time sensitivities and/or issues of great complexity or materiality to a company. Experience managing a large, de-centralized department. The new Vice President of External Affairs must bring the necessary vision, sense of urgency, level of energy, personal persuasiveness, critical thinking, and commanding leadership to direct a large, geographically dispersed organization to achieve its goals. The successful candidate should have the following: Superb verbal and written communication skills to be able to serve as an advocate for the company and to translate sometimes highly technical company information into understandable terms for government and regulatory decision-makers. The highest level of ethical conduct and integrity. Sound judgment, professional, analytical and implementation skills. The ability to lead and work with teams - including department staff, business clients, and legislative/regulatory stakeholders - to achieve company goals. Assertive in setting the proper objectives; politically and commercially astute; pragmatic, flexible, creative, and indefatigable pursuit of means, subject only to the company's ethical and legal requirements. An energetic, engaged and intellectually disciplined and curious personal style, passionate about the industry and in serving as a regulatory spokesperson for the company. Keen intellect, strategy and advocacy, superior communication skills, business acumen, managerial and executive leadership, interpersonal skills, deep, broad and practical understanding of governmental and regulatory processes. Qualified candidates please contact: Amy Hearst, Sprint Executive Recruiter: amy.b.hearst@sprint.com

#### 12.06.3

Communications associate with 2 to 4 years of private practice experience needed for growing Washington, D.C. office of a leading full-service law firm. Experience with transactional and adjudicatory matters, or policy advocacy and legislative matters, and experience before the FCCs Media Bureau or the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau required. Good academic record essential. Please note this is a Blind Box Ad.

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#### **COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER** Event Form Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_Suite/Room/Apt. \_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_ Phone Fax E-mail **CHECK THE EVENT(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING:** NOTE: Registration for the January 17, 2006 CLE Seminar Thursday, February 16 – CLE Seminar on FCC will appear in the January FCBA News. Regulation of New Technologies, Dow Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, 6:00-☐ Friday, January 20 – Looking Forward, Looking Back 8:15 p.m. Cost: \$75.00 for Private Sector Members, \$50.00 for Former Chairman's Luncheon, J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Lower Level, Noon. Government/Academic/Law Student Members, and Cost: \$45.00 for private sector members, \$35.00 for \$125.00 for Non-members. government/academic members and \$65.00 for non-Registrations and cancellations due by 5:00 p.m., members. Tables of 10 available for \$450.00. Tuesday, February 14, 2006 Registrations and cancellations due by Noon, Wednesday, January 18, 2006 \$ Total Enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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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	
December 8	19th Annual FCC Chairman's Dinner
December 8-9	23rd Annual PLI and FCBA Conference
December 12	Mass Media Practice Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 14	Cable, Mass Media and Young Lawyers Committees Winter Social
December 25	Volunteer for Martha's Table or McKenna's Wagon
January 11	Transactional Practice Committee Brown Bag Lunch
January 13	IP-Based Communications and Legislation Practice Committees Brown Bag Lunch
January 17	Save the Date! Transactional Practice Committee CLE Seminar
January 20	FCBA Luncheon with former FCC Chairmen
January 24	Common Carrier Practice Committee Brown Bag Lunch
January 29	International Telecommunications Practice Committee Volunteers at Martha's Table
February 3-4	National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition
February 16	CLE Seminar on FCC Regulation of New Technologies
February 19-20	Silicon Flatirons Digital Broadband Migration Conference, Boulder, CO
February 28	Communications Law 101 CLE Seminar
May 5-7	Annual Seminar at the Greenbrier Resort and Spa – White Sulphur Springs, WV
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