

Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

# **25th Annual Chairman's Dinner on December 8**

The **25th Annual FCC Chairman's Dinner** will be held **Thursday, December 8, 2011** at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom and will be followed by remarks from FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski. Sponsor's tables include a \$350.00 tax deductible donation to the FCBA Foundation.



Julius Genachowski

Tables and individual tickets are still available for purchase. Please use the registration

### 2012 Annual Seminar to be Held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort May 4 – May 6 – SAVE THE DATE!

Start making plans for the 2012 FCBA Annual Seminar at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort in Cambridge, MD, **Friday May 4** – **Sunday, May 6, 2012**. FCC Commissioners and Bureau Chiefs have already committed to participate in the program.

The Annual Seminar Committee is planning what promises to be an outstanding program filled with the latest information on telecom issues and great networking opportunities. There will also be plenty of time to enjoy the resort's tranquil setting on the Choptank River and to participate in golf, tennis, and other special activities.

Registration and housing information will be in the January newsletter and on the FCBA web site.

# form on page 24 to order tables or individual tickets.

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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 \$225.00. Most employees of the Federal Communications Commission

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### 22nd Annual Charity Auction a Record-Breaking Success!

On Thursday, November 10, 2011, the Young Lawyers Committee and the FCBA Foundation hosted the 22nd Annual FCBA Charity Auction. Setting a new all-time record, the Auction raised almost \$138.000 to benefit the Sitar Arts Center and the FCBA Foundation. The Sitar Arts Center is a fantastic non-profit that gives children from low-income households an opportunity to explore the visual and performing arts in an afterschool safe haven. Sitar helps underserved youth develop artistic, social, and life skills through a number of important programs, including classes in music, dance, theater, and creative writing. The Center will use proceeds from the Charity Auction to fund its Arts Afterschool program and to ensure that no child is turned away because of an inability to pay. The FCBA Foundation will use proceeds from the Charity Auction to support its annual scholarship and internship programs.

### This Month's Key Events

#### 25th Annual Chairman's Dinner

Date/Time: Thursday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. Location: The Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW ► SEE PAGE 1

#### 29th Annual PLI/FCBA Conference

Date: Thursday, December 8 – Friday, December 9 Location: The Westin Washington DC City Center, 1400 M Street, NW ► SEE PAGE 15

#### Judicial Practice Committee CLE Seminar

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. **Location:** Dow Lohnes PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW **Topic:** Litigating Appeals in the

D.C. Circuit

#### Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Event: Brown Bag Lunch Date/Time: Wednesday, December 14, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Location: FCC, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 2-B516 Topic: Meet the ERIC (Emergency Response Interoperability Center) of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau ▶ SEE PAGE 4

#### Wireless

#### Telecommunications Committee Luncheon

**Date/Time:** Thursday, December 15, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, Main Conference Center

Topic: Mobile Broadband Services Under the FCC's USF/ ICC Order and NPRM ▶ SEE PAGE 4

Online Registration is Available!! Visit the FCBA website.

# **PRESIDENT'S** Message

#### **DEAR MEMBERS:**

Few people realize this but December marks the midpoint in the FCBA's fiscal year. And I can think of no better way to celebrate the occasion than by attending the **Annual Chairman's Dinner**, which this year will be held on Thursday, December 8th, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. This will be the 25th year in which the FCBA will have hosted this dinner, and we are grateful for the spirit and good humor in which all Chairmen — past and present — have approached the event.



The Chairman's Dinner is notable not only for bringing together the entire bar, but also for the role it plays in supporting the FCBA Foundation. The Foundation, of course, is the non-profit charitable and educational organization associated with the FCBA. Every dollar that makes up the difference between the cost of a regular table and a "Sponsorship" table goes directly to the Foundation to support its various community-based programs, including college scholarships for Washington, D.C.-area youth and internship stipends for law students. The purchase of Sponsorship tables at the Chairman's Dinner plays a critical role in the support of the Foundation, and we are grateful to all of the entities who have made a decision to support the Foundation through this commitment.

December also is the month in which the FCBA partners with the Practising Law Institute (PLI) for the **Annual Conference on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation**, which this year will be held on December 8th and 9th, at the Westin Washington, D.C. City Center. This year will mark the 29th consecutive year in which the FCBA will be partnering with PLI for this event, and we are grateful to those who have volunteered their time to draft materials for and speak at the Conference. I want to especially recognize the members of this year's **Conference Planning Committee** — **Kathleen Abernathy**, **Mark Schneider**, and **Peter Shields** — for their hard work in planning this year's terrific event.

Although the FCBA's activities will slow down as we inch toward the holidays, we will be providing one more opportunity for you to earn CLE credit before the end of the calendar year. Specifically, on December 13th, the **Judicial Practice Committee** will be hosting a CLE titled "**Litigating Appeals in the D.C. Circuit**." The CLE will feature remarks from two D.C. Circuit Judges — **Judge David B. Sentelle** and **Judge Janice Rogers Brown** — as well as a panel of advocates who routinely litigate appeals in the communications space. I want to recognize the co-chairs of the Judicial Practice Committee — **Adam Caldwell, Sam Feder**, **Jacob Lewis**, and **Alexander Maltas** — for organizing this program, as well as remind those of you located outside of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region that, as with all other FCBA CLEs, you can register to access a live video stream of the event.

For those of you lucky enough to be in Florida this time of year, I encourage you to attend the **Florida Chapter Lunch Program** that will be held in cooperation with the Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar on December 9th at the Capital Office Complex in Tallahassee, Florida. The topics covered at this event will range from intercarrier compensation reform to the streamlining of agency rules, and I want to recognize the co-chairs of the Florida Chapter — **Will Cox**, **Beth Keating**, and **David Konuch** — for working to coordinate this program.

In short, if you are bored in December, it will not be due to a lack of FCBA activities! As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the FCBA, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yaron Dori



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# **CLE** Seminars

### Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Litigating Appeals in the D.C. Circuit

The FCBA **Judicial Practice Committee** will hold a CLE on **Tuesday**, **December 13**, **2011** from **6:00 – 8:15 p.m.** on Litigating Appeals in the D.C. Circuit. It will be held at Dow Lohnes PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

To register, click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events or use the form on page 23.

### Agenda

#### 6:00 – 6:05 p.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### 6:05 – 7:05 p.m. THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH: A CONVERSATION ON REGULATORY APPEALS IN THE D.C. CIRCUIT

The D.C. Circuit often decides appeals involving complex regulatory questions arising from agency decisions and rulemakings, including those of the FCC. The Judicial Practice Committee is pleased to present an opportunity to the communications bar to learn from the experience of two of the D.C. Circuit's judges. Prompted by questions from the moderator and attendees, the judges will share their perspective and insights on litigating appeals in the D.C. Circuit.

Speakers:

**Chief Judge David B. Sentelle** – U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit **Judge Janice Rogers Brown** – U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

*Moderator*: TBD

7:05 – 7:15 p.m. BREAK

#### 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. THE VIEW FROM THE BAR: EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY IN THE D.C. CIRCUIT

After hearing the perspective from behind the bench, the second part of our CLE will consist of a panel of leading appellate lawyers who will offer their advice and tips on effective appellate advocacy before the D.C. Circuit. They will share their thoughts on best practices and strategies for challenging or defending complex regulatory decisions in the court of appeals.

Speakers:

Jon Nuechterlein, WilmerHale LLP Patricia Millett, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP Chris Wright, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP Helgi Walker, Wiley Rein LLP

*Moderator*: TBD

### Thursday, January 19, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Understanding USF and ICC Reform

The FCBA **Wireline Committee** will hold a CLE on **Thursday**, **January 19, 2012** from **6:00 – 8:15 p.m.** on Understanding USF and ICC Reform. It will be held at a location to be determined in Washington, DC.

A group of industry experts will provide an overview of the recently released USF/ ICC Reform Order and what it means for key industry segments now and in the years to come. Two panels, one focused on USF and one focused on ICC, will address the immediate consequence of the Order, remaining questions and upcoming proceedings. Bring your questions and leave the CLE with a better understanding of this critical and complex Order.

To register, click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events or use the form on page 23.

#### CHAIRMAN'S DINNER

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and the Commerce Department 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.

# **COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER** Events

#### Engineering and Technical Practice Committee

**Event:** Field Trip/Brown Bag Lunch **Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 6, 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

**Location:** 1593 Spring Hill Rd, Suite 700, Vienna, VA 22182

**Topic:** Visit to R&D lab of Shared Spectrum in Vienna, VA

There are very few wireless R&D labs in the Washington area so an opportunity to visit one and "kick the tires" is rare. Shared Spectrum, Inc. (SSC) was founded in 2000 to develop technology that dramatically increases the efficient use of RF spectrum resources. Over the past 10 years, SSC has become a leading expert and innovator in the development of cognitive radio technologies. SSC pioneered the research and development of dynamic spectrum access (DSA) technology for the U.S. Department of Defense. The company is expanding into the commercial sector with the development of DSA solutions for a wide array of applications. It also has significant experience in field measurements spectrum occupancy - a topic of great legislative interest these days. This will be an opportunity to see equipment involve in DSA and spectrum occupancy measurements and discuss these issues with experts.

For more information: Contact Scott Goodwin, sgoodwin@nab.org. To RSVP: Click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events. \*For security and planning purposes, please RSVP in advance.

#### Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

**Event:** Joint Holiday Networking Event cohosted by the Young Lawyers Committee **Date/Time:** Monday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Mandarin Oriental, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch: Meet the ERIC (Emergency Response Interoperability Center), of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 14, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 2-B516 (Please allow sufficient time to pass through security)

**Topic:** Meet the team at this key FCC unit working on interoperability for public safety **To RSVP:** Click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events. Space is limited, so please RSVP early.

### Event: Brown Bag Lunch

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 25, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 3200. (Please allow sufficient time for security to clear you. For entry upon arrival, please call Alex Krelein of OEC at 202-603-8702)

**Topic:** Emergency Communications Policy Issues in the National Capitol Region. Chris Essid, Director of the DHS Office of Emergency Communications, and Statewide Interoperability Coordinators from the National Capital Region (NCR) will discuss the policy issues unique to public safety practitioners in the NCR and their relation to broader public safety communications policy.

**To RSVP: Click here** or go to the **FCBA Website – Calendar of Events**. Space is limited, so please RSVP early.

#### **Judicial Practice Committee**

#### **Event:** CLE Seminar

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

**Location:** Dow Lohnes PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

**Topic:** Litigating Appeals in the D.C. Circuit **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 23**.

#### **Mass Media Committee**

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch **Date/Time:** Friday, December 16, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW

**Topic:** Views from the 4th Estate **Speakers:** Brooks Boliek, Politico; Cecilia Kang, Washington Post; Amy Schatz, Wall Street Journal; and Todd Shields, Bloomberg **Moderator:** Dennis Wharton, National Association of Broadcasters **RSVP to:** lwalke@nab.org

#### Privacy and Data Security Committee

**Event:** Brown Bag Lunch **Date/Time:** Thursday, December 15, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Location:** Hogan Lovells US LLP, 555

**Location:** Hogan Lovells US LLP, 555 Thirteenth Street, NW

**Topic:** "Privacy Issues in Bankruptcies: Lessons from the Borders Case." Join guest speakers Yaron Dori, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP and FCBA President, and Michael Baxter, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP, for a discussion of the privacy issues raised in the Borders bankruptcy case and in the bankruptcy context in general. Mr. Baxter served as the court-appointed privacy ombudsman in the case. **To RSVP: Click here** or go to the **FCBA Website – Calendar of Events**.

#### Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Event: Luncheon Date/Time: Thursday, December 15, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, Main Conference Center Topic: Mobile Broadband Services Under the FCC's USF/ICC Order and NPRM To register: Click here or go to the FCBA Website – Calendar of Events or use the form on page 23.

#### **Wireline Committee**

Event: CLE Seminar Date/Time: Thursday, January 19, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Location: TBD Topic: Understanding USF and ICC Reform 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 23.

#### **Young Lawyers Committee**

**Event:** Joint Holiday Networking Event co-hosted by the Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee **Date/Time:** Monday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Location:** Mandarin Oriental, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW

#### Florida Chapter

**Event:** Program in association with the Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar **Date/Time:** Friday, December 9, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Shuster's Café-Eatz, 4055 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32311 **Topic:** "New Directions for Energy, Telecommunications, and Administrative Practice." A range from the very timely topic of intercarrier compensation to a unique perspective on energy policy in Florida. Other topics will include an overview and discussion on the streamlining and repeal of agency rules, as well as a presentation highlighting opportunities for pro bono service to the community. This event has something for everyone.

For more information: See page 5. For questions: Contact David Konuch at 850-681-1990 or dkonuch@fcta.com. To register: Click here or go to http:// www.flaadminlaw.org/pdf/public-utilitiesbrochure-111117.pdf.

# **COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER** News

# Florida Chapter

### "New Directions for Energy, Telecommunications, and Administrative Practice" Friday, December 9, 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Presented by the FCBA Florida Chapter in association with the Florida Bar Administrative Law Section Public Utilities Law Committee

**Location:** Shuster's Café-Eatz, 4055 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32311

Click here to register or go to http://www. flaadminlaw.org/pdf/public-utilitiesbrochure-111117.pdf.

### Agenda

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. LATE REGISTRATION

#### 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND LUNCH (INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FEE)

**Keynote Address**: Energy Policy in Florida **Mary A. Bane**, Governor's Special Advisor on Energy Policy

#### 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. PERSPECTIVES ON INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION: FCC'S NEW APPROACH

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Mark A. Jamison**, Public Utility Research Center, University of Florida

#### Speakers:

David A. Konuch, Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, Inc. James Bradford Ramsay, General Counsel, Nat'l Assoc. of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Tracy W. Hatch, AT&T 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. BREAK

#### 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. PROFESSIONALISM AND CIVILITY

**Carl J. Zahner**, The Florida Bar Center for Professionalism

#### 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE APA: DEVELOPMENTS IN AGENCY RULEMAKING AND REVIEW

Introducer:

**S. Curtis Kiser**, General Counsel, Florida Public Service Commission

**Eric H. Miller**, Committee Attorney, House Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee **Kenneth J. Plante**, Coordinator, Florida Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

### Attention Adjunct Professors!

The FCBA Foundation would like to expand the number of law student applicants for the Foundation's internship stipend program, which awards funds each Spring to enable outstanding law students to serve as interns at the FCC, NTIA, and other communications-related government agencies. Earlier this year, the Foundation awarded eight summer internship stipends ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and plans are now underway for Spring 2012 stipend awards. If you teach or interact with law students and would be willing to help distribute applications or otherwise encourage law students to apply to the internship stipend program, please contact Kyle Dixon (kyle.dixon@timewarner.com) or Edgar Class (eclass@wileyrein.com).

# **Interested in Hosting an FCBA event?**

The FCBA greatly appreciates the support of our members' firms and companies who provide space for our brown bag lunches, committee meetings, and CLE Seminars throughout the year. We are, however, always looking for new locations that can host FCBA events. We will be experimenting with some new presentation technology in future CLE seminars, which require more technical support than we have needed in the past.

In general terms, we need conference rooms that can seat at least 30 (more if possible) people at tables for brown bag lunches and committee meetings and conference rooms that can seat a minimum of 60 for CLE seminars. Firms and companies hosting brown bag lunches provide beverages and desserts; firms and companies hosting CLE seminars provide beverages and snacks. CLE seminars are generally held from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Additionally, for CLE seminars we need facilities that can provide technology support for microphones for as many as six speakers on a panel, the ability to tie the house sound system into a teleconference bridge, video projection capabilities for PowerPoint presentations, and access to the internet for presentations by speakers. If your firm or company has the needed conference room facilities and capabilities and would be willing to host future FCBA activities, please email **Stan Zenor**, **stan@fcba.org**, or **Kerry Loughney**, **kerry@fcba.org**.

#### CHARITY AUCTION

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The Auction was held at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sphinx Ballroom at the Almas Temple, and drew a large and lively crowd. In addition to bidding at three silent auction tables, the evening included a live auction featuring awardwinning professional auctioneer **B.J.** Jennings. Facilitating the bidding were celebrity emcees **Yaron Dori** and **Melissa Newman**. Special thanks from the Charity Auction Committee to both the auctioneer and emcees for their entertaining and effective persuasive efforts!

As always, FCBA members were generous in their prize donations and in their bidding at the Auction. Prizes attracting the highest bids and generating the most live auction competition were: Four tickets to the 2012 NCAA® Men's Final Four® in New Orleans, LA courtesy of AT&T Services, Inc.; passes for six people to attend a taping of Food Network's Iron Chef competition in 2012 at Kitchen Stadium in New York City, including a gift card for dinner for six to the winner's choice of Iron Chef Bobby Flay's New York City restaurants, courtesy of Scripps Networks; two tickets to Super Bowl XLVI and a football signed by Paul Tagliabue, courtesy of Covington & Burling LLP and the National Football League; a \$1,750.00 gift certificate to any Fairmont Hotel or Resort around the world and a \$750.00 American Express gift card for use towards airfare, courtesy of AT&T Services, Inc.; two tickets to a taping of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" in New York City, courtesy of Viacom Inc.; a six-course dinner for four, with wine pairings, in the Chef's Kitchen at Volt, including transportation in a luxury limousine, courtesy of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP; an all-inclusive 5 day / 4 night vacation package to Cancun, courtesy of Lawler, Metzger, Keeney & Logan, LLC; an all-inclusive dinner for two and one night's lodging at The Inn at Little Washington, courtesy of CenturyLink; and eighteen skybox tickets to the winning bidder's choice of a Capitals or Wizards game, courtesy of Steptoe & Johnson, LLP.







This year's grand prize for the raffle was an LG Cinema 3D Package, including a **65" Class 3D 1080p LED LCD TV**, a **3D Blu-ray Disc Player**, and **10 pairs of 3D Glasses**, courtesy of **LG Electronics USA**. Congratulations to **Daniel Reing** of Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, the grand prize winner. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets – we raised almost \$20,000 for the Sitar Arts Center and the FCBA Foundation from raffle sales!

The Charity Auction Committee is deeply grateful to all prize donors and the winning bidders for helping to make the Auction a success. Thank you to all of the FCBA members and local law students who volunteered their time and energy to plan the Auction, solicit prizes, and work the night of the Auction. Thank you as well to the Charity Auction Advisory Panel, which assisted the Charity Auction Committee in exploring ways to improve the Auction through enhanced prize procurement efforts, outreach to membership, and invaluable feedback with respect to changes to the Auction process. The Auction Committee, Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Charity Auction Advisory Panel, Law Student Volunteer Recruiters,

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Volunteers, and Donors are listed on **page 12** of the newsletter. Thanks also to the FCBA Executive Committee, the FCBA Foundation Board, and the entire FCBA office staff for their assistance and support.

Finally, the Auction would not have been possible without the generosity of this year's sponsors: AT&T Services, Inc., Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, DIRECTV, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Google Inc., Hogan Lovells US LLP, Lockheed Martin Corporation, National Association of Broadcasters, Sidley Austin LLP, T-Mobile USA, Inc., Time Warner Cable, Wiley Rein LLP, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, and Wiltshire & Grannis LLP.

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# Special **EVENTS**

### December 8-9: PLI/FCBA Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation

For the 29th consecutive year, the FCBA and the Practising Law Institute will co-sponsor an annual conference on "Telecommunications Policy and Regulation." This year's Institute will be held on December 8-9, at The Westin Washington DC City Center, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The Institute will open with a keynote address by FCC Commissioner **Robert M. McDowell**. Commissioner **Edith Ramirez** of the Federal Trade Commission, will be the featured luncheon speaker on day one of the Institute. **Lawrence E. Strickling**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will close the first day of the conference. **Edward P. Lazarus**, Federal Communications Commission Chief of Staff, will open the second day of the conference.

Other Institute highlights include a Congressional staff panel featuring **John B. Branscome**, Majority Counsel, Senate Commerce Committee, **Shawn Chang**, Minority Counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee, **David Quinalty**, Minority Counsel, Senate Commerce Committee, and **David Redl**, Majority Counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee. In addition, there will be three substantive panels featuring industry experts dealing with recent developments in wireline, wireless, and privacy issues.

Julius P. Knapp, Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology, Sharon E. Gillett, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Rick Kaplan, Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Paul de Sa, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis, will provide attendees with tutorials.

Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Mark D. Schneider, and Peter D. Shields of the FCBA's Conference Planning Committee will serve as Institute co-chairs. In addition, a number of FCBA members will moderate or otherwise participate in various program segments.

A registration form for the 1½ day seminar is on **page 25**. As noted, a registration fee discount is available to FCBA members.

The Practising Law Institute in cooperation with the Federal Communications Bar Association presents: The 29th Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation

### Thursday, December 8

9:00 a.m. WELCOME Yaron Dori, President, Federal Communications Bar Association

### National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition – Call for Volunteers

The FCBA and The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law will co-sponsor the **2012 National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition to be held February 10-11**. This year's competition problem is based off of the shut down of underground cell phone service in San Francisco's BART subway system in an effort to prevent a planned protest. The competition is looking for judges for oral arguments. Judges are needed for Friday the 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday the 11th at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer as a judge in any (or all) of the time slots, please contact **Wesley Gee** at **nattel2012@gmail.com**. No expertise is necessary.

#### 9:05 a.m. KEYNOTE The Honorable Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

#### 9:30 a.m. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF PANEL: HOT TOPICS FROM CAPITOL HILL PERSPECTIVE

#### Panelists:

John B. Branscome, Majority Counsel, Senate Commerce Committee Shawn Chang, Minority Counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee

**David Quinalty**, Minority Counsel, Senate Commerce Committee **David Redl**, Majority Counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee

#### FCBA Co-Moderators:

**Shawn A. Bone**, Wiley Rein LLP **Antoinette Cook Bush**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

#### 10:30 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK

#### 10:45 a.m. TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

**Julius P. Knapp**, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission

#### 11:30 a.m.

#### DEVELOPMENTS IN WIRELINE COMMUNICATIONS: A SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

**Sharon E. Gillett**, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

#### 12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**The Honorable Edith Ramirez**, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission

# Special **EVENTS**

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#### 2:00 p.m. WIRELINE PANEL: HOT TOPICS AND ISSUES IN WIRELINE TELECOM POLICY

#### Panelists:

Michel Guité, President, Vermont National Telephone Co, Inc. Hank Hultquist, Vice President -Federal Regulatory, AT&T Services, Inc. Christine D. Kurth, Office of Commissioner Robert M. McDowell Hon. Geoffrey G. Why, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable Matthew F. Wood, Policy Director, Free Press

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*FCBA Co-Moderators*: **Kathleen Q. Abernathy**, Frontier Communications Corporation **John T. Nakahata**, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP

#### 3:00 p.m.

#### DEVELOPMENTS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS: A SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

**Rick Kaplan**, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

#### 3:30 p.m. NETWORKING BREAK

#### 3:45 p.m. WIRELESS PANEL: HOT TOPICS AND ISSUES IN WIRELESS TELECOM POLICY

#### Panelists:

Richard C. Beaird, Senior Deputy U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State Parul P. Desai, Communications Policy Counsel, Consumers Union Jason E. Friedrich, Head of US Government & Regulatory Affairs, Government Relations Office, Motorola Mobility, Inc.

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#### *FCBA Co-Moderators:* **Ari Q. Fitzgerald**, Hogan Lovells LLP **Mark D. Schneider**, Sidley Austin LLP

#### 4:45 p.m. KEYNOTE

#### The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

#### 5:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

### Friday, December 9

#### 9:00 a.m. KEYNOTE

**Edward P. Lazarus**, Chief of Staff, Office of Chairman Julius Genachowski, Federal Communications Commission

#### 9:30 a.m. THE FUTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Paul de Sa**, Chief, Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis, Federal Communications Commission

#### 10:00 a.m. PRIVACY PANEL: THE YEAR IN DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Panelists:

James Arden Barnett, Jr., Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission Justin Brookman, Director, Consumer Privacy Project, Center for Democracy & Technology **Maureen Cooney**, Senior Counsel and Deputy Chief Privacy Officer, Sprint Nextel

**Paul F. Gallant**, MF Global Holdings **Harry Wingo**, Policy Counsel, Google Inc.

#### FCBA Co-Moderators:

**Amy S. Mushahwar**, Reed Smith LLP **Peter D. Shields**, Wiley Rein LLP

11:00 a.m. NETWORKING BREAK

#### 11:15 a.m.

#### DEBATE: "THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY: THE ROLE OF REGULATION IN COMMUNICATIONS MARKETS"

#### Participants:

Harold J. Feld, Public Knowledge Lawrence J. Spiwak, Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies

#### FCBA Moderator:

**Laura H. Phillips**, President-Elect, Federal Communications Bar Association

12:00 p.m. A D J O U R N

### Contact Information Updates

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

# **FOUNDATION** News

# A Message from the Foundation Chair

#### DEAR MEMBERS,

Your FCBA Foundation is a proud beneficiary of the 22nd Annual Charity Auction, and on behalf of the Foundation, thanks to the Charity Auction Committee, to all of its volunteers and to all the bidders -- whether in person or online -- for their generosity. The Auction was clearly a success because it brought us together to

help support both a deserving local charity, Sitar Arts Center, and your Foundation. The Trustees appreciate your confidence in the FCBA Foundation as expressed through this support.



Jennifer Warren

The Trustees continue to consider new ways to be relevant to the greater community in which we live and to further the Foundation's mission. For example, our Volunteer Services Committee, co-chaired by Alison Minea and Charla Rath, is working on a new pilot program with Martha's Table, bringing school children to member corporations' facilities to expose them to communications technologies and to business and consumer applications across different sectors, with the ultimate goal of stimulating their interest in pursuing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curricula. STEM are all critical disciplines in the communications sector. If you, as an individual, or your corporation, would like to participate in this pilot or volunteer for the Committee, please contact either of the co-chairs, or Howard Weiss, weiss@fhhlaw.com.

A wonderful Holiday season to you all; I look forward to working with all of you in 2012 to make your Foundation even better.

#### Jennifer Warren

2011-2012 FCBA Foundation Chair

### FCBA Foundation Applications for Funding of Unpaid Legal Internships

For the 19th consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation will award stipends to law students from its Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund. In 2012, the Foundation will award several stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other federal, state, and local government agencies with a connection to the communications industry. In addition, the Foundation will select one outstanding intern among those chosen to receive an additional stipend for the summer -- the "Max Paglin Award." Mr. Paglin was the former General Counsel and Executive Director of the FCC, and the founder of the Golden Jubilee Commission on Telecommunications. which compiled a definitive legislative history of the Communications Act.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications field. (2) having secured or having pending, an unpaid summer position (internship) for at least eight weeks in communications with a Federal, state, or local government agency with a connection to the communications industry, (3) dependence on financial assistance in order to accept the unpaid internship in a government agency; and, (4) community activities. To the extent a recipient receives unanticipated funding for the unpaid internship, the FCBA Foundation's general policy is to reduce its scholarship awards by any amount that a recipient's total funding (including all sources) for the internship would otherwise exceed \$7.000.

Applications for a Lee Fund scholarship should be submitted to Kerry Loughney, FCBA Foundation, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036 or kerry@fcba.org. Applications must be postmarked by March 14, 2012. Applicants may be asked to interview with members of the Foundation Board; interviews may be conducted by telephone. Please encourage eligible applicants to apply.

The application for a Lee Fund scholarship is posted in the Foundation section of the FCBA Website – http://www.fcba.org/ foundation/internship\_stipends.shtml.

### Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The FCBA Foundation is proud to participate in this year's Combined Federal Campaign for the National Capital Area. Federal employees in the nation's capital can now make regular tax-deductible contributions to the FCBA Foundation through the Combined Federal Campaign, providing funds to support and help expand the Foundation's vital charitable work.

To make a pledge to the FCBA Foundation, donors should use the FCBA Foundation's CFC code number (**#31092**) on their pledge cards. Pledge cards can be obtained from your agency's CFC campaign staff. Pledge cards can also be completed and printed out online through the CFC website at **www.cfcnca.org**. On the website, click "Giving" and "About CFC-e" for more information.

Your donations will support the valuable work performed by the FCBA Foundation. In the past year, the Foundation's work included:

- Awarding 8 stipends to law school students for unpaid legal communications-related summer internships and 10 college scholarships to DC public high school students, totaling close to \$215,000
- Sponsoring numerous volunteer events for FCBA members, including making meals for the homeless at Martha's Table
- Co-sponsoring the 2011 Charity Auction for Sitar Arts Center and the FCBA Foundation which raised almost \$138,000

# **FOUNDATION** News

### Volunteer for Martha's Table on 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 charity? For many years now, the FCBA has been providing volunteers to Martha's Table. This organization relies 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 a.m. and work until 1:00 p.m.** Martha's Table is located in a yellow building at 2114 Fourteenth Street, NW, in the District, near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. On-street parking is available. Volunteers are asked to bring food if possible, (e.g., cold cuts, bread, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables and potatoes) because the center often runs out of donated food.

The FCBA volunteers on the last Sunday of every month, so mark your calendars now. If you are able to volunteer on **December 25**, please contact **Howard Weiss** at 703-812-0471 -- weiss@fhhlaw. com.

# **JOB** Bank

#### TO RESPOND TO JOB BANK LISTINGS

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

#### TO LIST A JOB

Complete a Job Bank Form and send or fax the Form and the appropriate payment to Kerry Loughney, Federal Communications Bar Association, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036-6101. In addition, please email the text of the ad to **kerry@ fcba.org**. Listings and payment received by the 15th day of each month will appear in the next month's newsletter. If possible, ads should not exceed 75 words. Please call the FCBA, (202) 293-4000, for a Job Bank Form. (No headhunters please).

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- Oversees programming related to corporate initiatives and community affairs activities.
- Consistent exercise of independent judgment and discretion in matters of significance.
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- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.
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- Develops and implements legislative strategies, monitors legislation, and coordinates state association management.
- Oversees corporate initiatives and community affairs activities.
- Directs and leads staff and project teams consisting of managers, professional, and non-exempt employees.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelors Degree or Equivalent
- Communications, Public Relations, Business
- Generally requires 10+ years related experience -Geographic area to be handled by this director includes San Francisco and upper Peninsula jurisdictions. Past experience with San Francisco Board of Supervisors or San Francisco mayor's office is a plus.

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Over 300 FCBA members attended the fall reception on Wednesday, October 27, 2011 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel where they had the opportunity to meet and greet FCC and NTIA Bureau and Office Chiefs, as well as their senior staff. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

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### **COMMITTEE/CHAPTER EVENT** Registration Form

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

- Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 8:15 p.m. CLE Seminar on Litigating Appeals in the D.C. Circuit. Location: Dow Lohnes PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Cost: \$125.00 for Private Sector Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional Members; \$25.00 for Student Members; \$195.00 for Non-Members Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Monday, December 12, 2011.
- Thursday, December 15, 12:15 1:30 p.m. Wireless Telecommunications Committee Luncheon. Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 1750 K Street, NW, 10 East Conference Center Cost: \$17.00 Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Monday, December 12, 2011.
- □ Thursday, January 19, 6:00 8:15 p.m. CLE Seminar on Understanding USF and ICC Reform. Location: TBD Cost: \$125.00 for Private Sector Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional Members; \$25.00 for Student Members; \$195.00 for Non-Members Registrations and cancellations due by 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

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# **25TH ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S DINNER** Registration

### Thursday, December 8, 2011

#### **HILTON WASHINGTON & TOWERS 1919 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW**

RECEPTION - 6:00 P.M. **DINNER - 7:30 P.M. - INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM** 

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#### **BUSINESS ATTIRE**

December 1, 2011. No refunds will be granted after this time.

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 \$225.00. Most employees of the Federal Communications Commission and the Commerce Department 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. The FCBA will finalize its list of government invitees by Friday, November 18, 2011.

### 29th Annual INSTITUTE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY & REGULATION REGISTRATION

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# **COMMITTEES AND CHAPTERS** in the Spotlight

### Engineering and Technical Committee

The 2011-2012 Engineering and Technical committee kicked off with a "get to know the committee" and planning brown bag lunch in September where Ron Repasi, Deputy Chief of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology, provided a good overview of the current hot technology and spectrum related issues. As regulators and legislators strive to meet the President's goal of making 500 MHz of spectrum available for broadband, as laid out in the FCC's Broadband Plan, technical and spectrum issues are at the forefront of the Washington DC and industry agendas. Accordingly, this is driving much of the focus for committee events. Events that the committee has planned this year include a CLE jointly hosted with the Mass Media and Wireless committees looking at incentive auctions, field trips to local technology hotspots including Shared Spectrum and the FCC Laboratory so that people can see firsthand where technology is being developed and reviewed. We will also host a number of brownbag events to delve into new policies or recommendation on controlling interference, promoting greater spectrum efficiency and sharing, how activities in the US compare to parallel activities internationally and to discuss recommendations being developed by the FCC's Technological Advisory Committee (TAC), The

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (CSMAC), and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST).

Most events will be held the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact any of the committee co-chairs with questions or ideas for events. The committee co-chairs are **Scott Goodman**, National Association of Broadcasters (**SGoodwin@nab.org**); **Mike Marcus**, Marcus Spectrum Solutions LLC (**mjmarcus@marcus-spectrum.com**); **Jamison Prime**, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission (**Jamison.Prime@fcc.gov**); and **Steve Sharkey**, T-Mobile (**Steve. Sharkey@T-Mobile.com**).

### Calendar

December 1	Broadband and International Telecommunications Committees Holiday Program and Networking Reception at the Swedish Embassy
December 2	Rocky Mountain Chapter Event on The Economics of Privacy presented in cooperation with the Silicon Flatirons
December 5	Homeland Security and Emergency Communications and Young Lawyers Committees Holiday Happy Hour
December 6	Engineering and Technical Practice Committee Field Trip/Brown Bag Lunch to R&D lab of Shared Spectrum in Vienna, VA
December 7	FCC Enforcement Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 8	FCBA 25th Annual Chairman's Dinner
December 8-9	29th Annual PLI and FCBA Conference
December 9	Florida Chapter Program and Lunch presented in cooperation with the Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar
December 13	CLE Seminar on Litigating Appeals in the D.C. Circuit presented by the Judicial Practice Committee
December 14	Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 15	Privacy and Data Security Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 15	Wireless Telecommunications Committee Luncheon
December 16	Mass Media Committee Brown Bag Lunch
December 25	Volunteer at Martha's Table
January 19	CLE Seminar on Understanding USF and ICC Reform presented by the Wireline Committee
May 4-6	Annual Seminar, Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, MD