# Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association Newsletter of the Federal Communication Bar Association Bar Assoc

### **Nominations Committee Announces Election Results**

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2023 election. The following members were elected as officers: **Diane Holland** President; **Kathy Kirby** President-Elect; **Mia Guizzetti Hayes** Assistant Treasurer; **Grace Koh** Secretary; and **Johanna Thomas** Assistant Secretary. **Matt DelNero** assumed the office of Treasurer on July 1. **Jameson Dempsey** will serve a second year as Chapter Representative.

Elected to three-year terms as members of the Executive Committee were **Justin Faulb**, **Celia Lewis**, **and Mike Saperstein**. **Thaila Sundaresan** was elected as Chapter Representative; **Dennis Corbett** was elected as

Delegate to the American Bar Association; and Jamile Kadre will represent the Young Lawyers Committee on the Executive Committee. Elected to two-year terms on the Nominations Committee were Elizabeth Cuttner, Yosef Getachew, and Sarah Leggin. Elected to three-year terms as FCBA Foundation Trustees were Van Bloys, Kayla Gardner, Angela Kung, and Danielle Thumann.

Special thanks to members of this year's Nominations Committee: Megan Stull (Chair), Paula Boyd, Arturo Chang, Erin Dozier, Crystal Evans, Kara Graves, Jenn Holtz, Chuck Keller, Chris Laughlin, Jonathan Mark, Jenny Prime, Deepika Ravi, and Sean Spivey.



### **27th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament**

The 27th Annual FCBA Foundation Robert Emmet Lee Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Monday, June 26. The Golf Committee switched things up this year, and moved to Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, Maryland. Despite the tonier surroundings (or perhaps because), the Tournament raised nearly \$10,000 for the FCBA Foundation's scholarship programs!

The tournament is named in memory of former Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Robert Emmet Lee, who passed away in April 1993 after serving at the FCC for almost 30 years.

We had a record number of Eagle Club teams competing to win the vaunted Eagle Cup

### **Upcoming Key Events**

### FCBA/ABA Young Lawyers Seminar/ Reception

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. ET **Location:** In-Person at Holland & Knight and via

Zoom

**Topic:** Media and First Amendment Law in the Digital

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### Diversity Pipeline Program Lunch and Learn

**Date/Time:** Friday, July 21, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET **Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform

**Topic:** Taking Care of Yourself: A Conversation about Wellness
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### **Membership Renewal**

Please see page 3 for step-bystep instructions on how to renew your membership for FY2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Please note that the deadline is JULY 31, 2023.

### Join the FCBA and FCBA Foundation on Social Media!

The FCBA and the FCBA Foundation 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! See page 14 for more information.

### 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, click here and email to: elizabeth@fcba.org.

### **PRESIDENT'S** Message

### DEAR FCBA MEMBERS,

Except for the fact that I had to be reminded to officially close the luncheon with a banging of the gavel, last month's FCBA Annual Meeting was a great success. The festive vibe (think high school reunion crossed with FCBA Annual Dinner) set the perfect backdrop for a poignant recap of our scholarship and other charitable activities



through the FCBA Foundation. Coupled with highlights from our Diversity Pipeline Program activities and recognition of our 2023 FCBA Distinguished Service Awards and FCBA Foundation Volunteer of the Year, it was obvious why the DC Bar awarded FCBA – The Tech Bar the distinction of "2023 Voluntary Bar of the Year."

I have learned a lot about FBCA governance over the past few years, especially this past year as President-Elect. I particularly want to thank Barry for being an exemplary President. If I can bring half of Barry's energy and wisdom to my tenure as President, I will consider that a win.

Before looking ahead, I also would like to congratulate this year's newly-elected Officers, Executive Committee members, Chapter Representative, ABA Delegate, Nominations Committee members, and FCBA Foundation Trustees. A special thanks to incoming officers **Kathy Kirby**, **Matt DelNero**, **Mia Hayes**, **Grace Koh**, and **Johanna Thomas**; I'm grateful for their willingness to serve, and look forward to a productive and transformative year with this All-Star team.

For this year, I have a few modest goals, which I will share with you over the coming months. One would build on Barry's legacy of "Raising Our Bar" with a focus on increasing and diversifying membership. At the end of June, we were 1,800 members strong. I want to set an ambitious goal of reaching 2,000 members by the end of the current year's membership renewal cycle, which officially ends this September (although we will accept your membership dues at any time during the year). If every current member renews, and just one in ten of us recruits one additional member, we will get there. If you're not a member, let me know why not, and give us an opportunity to show you how membership has its privileges.

Another goal for this year and beyond, apropos of being the first African American woman (and woman of color) to serve as FCBA President, is to take every opportunity to reinforce our commitment to being an association that welcomes everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, culture, sexual orientation, religious belief, or any other form of "otherism." This commitment is the driving force behind our Diversity Pipeline Program, through which we are affirmatively acting to open up opportunities and break down barriers for those who remain underrepresented in our profession.

Thanks for reading, and I'll see you around the bar!

Diane Holland, FCBA President 2023-2024



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### 2023-2024 FCBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Renew your FCBA membership today to avoid interruption to your benefits

Now more than ever, it's crucial to stay connected. Your membership in FCBA brings you the content you need, the connections that matter, and the opportunity to pay it forward. Please renew today!

Current FCBA memberships expired on June 30, 2023 and by renewing now, your membership will be good through June 30, 2024. **The deadline for renewal is July 31, 2023.** After this date, you will no longer receive the benefits of membership, including reduced pricing for events.

Please note that all membership notifications and receipts are emailed to FCBA members only – we cannot send them to a member's assistant.

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For changes in membership type or contact information, contact Elizabeth Hagerty at elizabeth@fcba.org to go over the member type options BEFORE paying your invoice. You cannot change your membership type or your contact information online.

#### **HOW TO RENEW**

#### 1. LOG IN

**Every member must log in to renew.** To log in to your account, **click here** or go to **www.fcba.org** and click the Log In button.

We strongly encourage you to pay online by credit card. We are still accepting payment by check, but the processing of check payments may be delayed.

**Please do NOT use the Join link on the website to renew.** You must follow the instructions below in order to renew properly.

### IF YOU FORGET YOUR PASSWORD

If you don't know your password, please click on the "Forgot your Password?" link and follow the instructions to generate a new password. The system will then email you a link which you must activate to change the password. Note that the link emailed to you is only good for one hour from the time you request it and that it can be only used once

#### 2. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT

### To renew online by CREDIT CARD

- Once logged in, go to the **My Transactions** link. Here you can see a list of all your orders and invoices.
- Click on the **Pay Open Orders** button on the right side of the screen.
- Check off the box next to the order/invoice you wish to pay, click Next and follow the instructions to process your payment.

### To renew by CHECK

- Once logged in, go to the **My Transactions** link. Here you can see a list of all your orders and invoices.
- Click the **View More** link under the **Invoice Details** column on the right side, then when the page opens click on **Print This Page** on the upper right side to print out the order.
- You must include the printed order with your check and mail both to the address on the order.

### To pay for a group of renewals at one time

Some firms and companies prefer to pay for a group of membership renewals at one time with one check. There are two methods to do this:

1. Each individual member must log in and print out his/ her own order and submit it for payment through their internal channels. The firm or company must then send us all of the invoices at one time, along with the check.

OR

2. The firm or company must send us a list of renewing members, each person's membership category and the associated fee, along with the check.

If you are paying for multiple renewals by credit card, you must pay each invoice individually online.

### MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY.

**Click here** to make a donation to the FCBA Foundation.

#### **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

To view your information in the FCBA online directory, click on the Individual Directory link in the menu options after you have logged in. Search for your entry information. Note that this directory only displays your name, address, email, and primary phone and fax number. Our database can still house more info, such as alternate phone and cell phone numbers, but it will not be reflected in the online directory.

### **COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER** Events

### **Diversity Pipeline Program Committee**

**Event:** Lunch and Learn

**Date/Time:** Friday, July 21, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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**Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** Taking Care of Yourself: A Conversation about Wellness

**Speakers:** Dina Epstein, Managing Director, Talent, Jenner & Block; James Keshavarz, Chief Wellness Officer, Gibson Dunn; Sanford Williams, Special Advisor to the Chairwoman, Deputy Managing Director, FCC; Matthew DelNero, Partner, Covington & Burling **Moderators:** Kiara Ortiz, Attorney Advisor, FCC and Kimia Nikseresht, Assistant Counsel,

Click here to register.

### **Young Lawyers Committee**

**Event:** FCBA/ABA Young Lawyers Seminar and Reception

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Hybrid: In-Person at Holland & Knight LLP, 800 17th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC. Join remotely via Zoom: https://hklaw.zoom.us/j/86541632498.

There is a capacity for in-person attendance, so register early!

**Topic:** Media and First Amendment Law in the Digital Age. The FCBA Young Lawyers Committee (YLC) and the American Bar Association's (ABA) Forum on Communications Law will co-host a substantive panel discussion, followed by a light reception. Current and former Diversity Pipeline Program students, as well as other interested FCBA or ABA members, are invited to attend

**Panelists:** Robert Corn-Revere, Chief Counsel, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE); Kathleen Kirby, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP; Micah Ratner, Senior Assistant General Counsel, NPR; and Chad Bowman, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP **Moderators:** Crystal Evans, Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, NBCUniversal Media, LLC and Kristel Tupja, Senior Counsel, Audacy, Inc. Click here to register to attend IN PERSON. Click here to join via Zoom.

**Event:** August Happy Hour

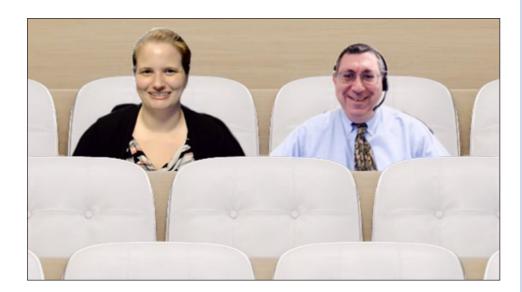
**Date/Time:** Thursday, August 3, 6:00 – 8:00

**Location:** Electric Cool-Aid, 512 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001 The YLC invites all FCBA members to join us for our August Happy Hour at Electric Cool-Aid – an outdoor, dog-friendly bar located in Washington, DC's Shaw neighborhood. The bar specializes in frozen drinks and features rotating food trucks and picnic tables. Drink specials will be available.

In the event of rain or other outdoor emergency, the event will be held at Sudhouse (1340 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009). We hope you can join us! Registration is not required but encouraged.

Click here to register.

### RANDOM COFFEE



The next RandomCoffee round was activated on Wednesday, June 12, 2023. A sign-up email was sent from RandomCoffee at 2:30 pm EDT. Matches will be announced on Tuesday, June 18 at 2:30 pm EDT. Please sign up at any time during that window.

If you don't see the email in your inbox, it may be caught in your spam filter. Please check for an email from "RandomCoffee @ FCBA" or **fcba@my.random-coffee.com** and allowlist the email going forward so you won't miss future RandomCoffee invitations!



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# The FCLJ is Looking for Articles

The Federal Communications Law Journal (FCLJ), the official academic journal of the FCBA, is hosted by The George Washington University Law School. It has long been an important source of legal scholarship on communications issues, and the FCBA is proud to offer the journal as a benefit to our members.

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, Micah Leval (fcljarticles@law.gwu.edu). Articles may also be submitted through ExpressO or Scholastica. For general inquiries about the FCLJ, please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Julia Dacy (fclj@law.gwu.edu).

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### 27th Annual FCBA FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Trophy. Unseating the 2022 championship team from Wiley was the Terrific Triumvirate from **T-Mobile – Crystal Correll, Dana Gray, and Tony Russo.** The other Eagle Club teams were: AT&T, Cox Enterprises, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, JSI, Slicers and Hookers, Wiley, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, and Wireless Infrastructure Association.

Winners of the following contests were:

- Longest Drive Men: Tony Russo, T-Mobile
- Longest Drive Women: Crystal Correll, T-Mobile
- Closest to the Pin: Brian Haggerty, AT&T
- Closest to the Pin (Part Deux): Henry Gola, Wiley

Special thanks to our Hole Sponsors this year: JSI and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Special thanks also go to those who donated prizes: AT&T, Comcast NBCUniversal, Cox Enterprises, Fox Corporation, and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. The Tournament planning committee was comprised of: Guy Benson, Bob Branson, Arturo Chang, Jonathan Cohen, Joe Cramer, Henry Gola, Steve Goodman, Jesse Jachman, John Nelson, Lee G. Petro (chair), Sara Rahmjoo, Glenn Reynolds, and Larry Walke. Please reach out to Lee G. Petro (Lee.Petro@PillsburyLaw.com) with any feedback for this year's tournament, or if you are interested in participating on the Committee for the 2024 Tournament.











### Get to Know an FCBA MEMBER

### **Mark Denbo**

By: Laura Phillips

Mark Denbo is someone I've known for quite a while, and I was happy when he agreed to be featured in the column this month. We met up for our caffeinated drinks of choice and reminisced a bit about the vagaries of life and our times. Mark is Of Counsel with Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C., a boutique communications firm specializing primarily in radio and television broadcasting regulatory and transactional



work. The firm has been in existence for over 30 years, and Mark has been with them for almost a decade, but his time in the communications bar stretches beyond that.

What attracted you to the field of communications?

As a kid, I was always intrigued by radio. From my bed at home in Bethesda, Maryland, I would try to tune into distant stations. I remember vividly listening to broadcasts of the Fort Wayne, Indiana minor league hockey games and Chicago Bulls games on WMVP. I was this close to attending the Newhouse School for Communications at Syracuse University before deciding to head to University of Pennsylvania.

Becoming a lawyer was not something I really focused much on in college, although my dad was a lawyer. Rather, a friend encouraged me to study for the LSATs because he didn't want to do it alone. Ironically, I was the one to go to law school; he eventually became an educator. I'm certainly glad I took the path I did, otherwise I might not have met my wife!

I attended law school in the mid-1990s and was lucky enough to have a family friend who helped me score an internship with the NBC Washington office. At the time, the lobbyists were working on the legislation that ultimately became the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and everything about it was fascinating to me. That experience led to another internship in what was then the Common Carrier Bureau at the FCC and all of a sudden my resume was filled with communications-related experience that has translated into a fulfilling career.

Tell us about the various places you've worked through the years.

Before going to law school, I worked in advance on Presidential campaigns and for the White House. As part of the advance team, I once was at a meeting in the Kremlin with a room full of Russian staffers when one of my colleagues excused herself to get sick. You guessed it, our team had been drinking vodka until late in the night the previous evening and she was a bit worse for wear. There's probably not too many Americans who can bear witness to that kind of experience in the Kremlin!

My internship at the NBC Washington office was amazing. I learned the basics of television broadcasting law from the legendary Howard Monderer and got valuable advice from Diane Zipursky, John Hane and Bob Okun. Plus, I got to pick up from the airport Joey Lawrence and the actors who played Screech and Mr. Belding from "Saved by the Bell," so there's that.

After law school, my first government affairs/communications-related job was with Arthur Andersen (before the accounting scandal that I thankfully avoided). Then my good friend from college lured me to Fleischman and Walsh (later Fleischman and Harding), telling me how great it would be to work together. He left less than a year later. But I could not possibly have asked for a better place to cut my teeth as a lawyer, learning everything there is to know about broadcasting and cable law from Howard

Topel, Chris Wood and Art Harding, among others.

After ten years, I moved to Drinker Biddle & Reath, where I continued my practice with a great group, which included Howard Liberman, Mark Dever, Eduardo Guzman and one Laura Phillips. Working at an AmLaw 100 firm was an incredible experience. But I am grateful now to be basically on my own, with Gary Smithwick, Art Belendiuk and Scott Johnson as the best colleagues anyone could ask for.

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

Not really. I honestly did not have a "plan" per se, and I can't say I really had any career goals while I was in law school or just coming out. I really have just strived to provide my clients with excellent service, while simultaneously preserving an excellent work-life balance. I always found time to make every parent-teacher meeting, and to coach both of my sons' soccer, basketball and baseball teams. I am thrilled with the way things have worked out.

What's the most interesting or challenging thing that you've done in your current position?

A: Currently, I am helping a television broadcaster with the advent of 5G Broadcast, an exciting new technology that delivers broadcast television to smartphones, tables and traditional TV sets. Because it works in Internet Protocol, it also can simultaneously deliver data and ease network congestion, the same as ATSC 3.0. It is pretty cool to be on the ground floor of this opportunity broadcasters have and to be part of the ever-changing technology landscape. I also think it's interesting that 10, 15 and 20 years ago we were hearing that over the air broadcasting was toast. But it's still vital and I am glad to report there is still plenty to do as technology changes, but the service remains.

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Is or was there something interesting or someone who surprised or impressed you during your career and why?

Beyond the folks I mentioned above, I am constantly impressed by the attorneys (and engineers) with whom I interact on a regular basis in my practice. The FCC staff is remarkably knowledgeable and always willing to assist with any issues that my clients may encounter. I also have the opportunity to work with attorneys at large firms and small, and our bar is quite collegial. My sense is that that is not always the case in other areas of the law.

### What do you enjoy reading?

I am a voracious reader of the Washington Post Sports section, and I try to read the Sunday newspaper, but depending upon the day, I'm not always successful. I also like reading biographies and mystery novels. But honestly, after being in front of a computer all day, I'd rather watch a game or some comedy on TV.

Is there something (a hobby or other tidbit) people don't know about you that you are willing to share?

Although I was not born in the DMV, I have lived here all of my life (except during college). I sometimes thought we would move elsewhere but that never happened, and that's just fine. My heart bleeds for all of the local teams, and sharing the 2019 National World Series win with my Dad and kids was a true blessing.

As far as a little tidbit, I have an encyclopedic knowledge of 1980s music and movies (mostly comedies). And I love seeing live music, especially Wilco and Tedeschi Trucks Band.

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

I recommend that any law student take some type of Administrative Law class, and if it's possible, absolutely try to get an internship at the FCC while in law school. Understanding the way that the FCC works from seeing it on the inside is a tremendous boon for anyone who wants later to work in private practice.

I would also recommend that a person not be fully and exclusively committed to any one field within communications. Although my area of expertise is primarily in radio and television broadcasting, I have never shied away from learning about many of the other areas that members of our incredible bar spend their time and attention perfecting. Always say yes if someone asks you to take on a project, even if it is a little outside of your normal comfort zone. Know your limitations, but also be ready and willing to challenge yourself.

How has your life changed as a result of COVID-19 and what are you looking forward to doing next?

Not all that much, actually. I have a small office in Northwest DC, about an 8 minute drive (10 minutes with traffic) from my house, which I share with just one other person. And when COVID came around, my wife basically took over

our home office. So after about a month or so of using the kitchen table, I decided just to resume heading into the office and that has continued to be my routine.

When I think about the last few years and what we've learned and observed, I look forward to telling my as-yet-unborn grandkids about the era. I think future generations will be amazed by how politically polarizing it was to proceed with the simple act of getting immunized against a virus that killed millions of people.

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

A: I believe I have been an FCBA member since 1996. The value of membership to a student is immeasurable. I strongly recommend that anyone, even non-lawyers, involved in the field of communications law join the FCBA. I'd like to think that we have a pretty unique bar, as there are not all that many of us, so we all get to know each other pretty well. The FCBA also offers interesting monthly "Lunch and Learns" and CLEs that provide a better understanding of our field. As I've progressed in my career (read: aged), I have come to rely on the FCBA more and more for the educational and networking opportunities it offers to us all. And yes, I play in the golf tournament because it's just fun.

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

On June 8, current and former FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program (DPP) interns gathered at Hogan Lovells for a reunion, featuring a speed mentoring session and networking with TMT professionals. As interns swapped stories about their experiences, DPP co-chairs and supporters spoke on the evolution of the program. Keynote speakers, including Elizabeth Wilkins and Gigi Sohn, remarked on the importance of the program mission and the FCBA's commitment to diversity.

The Diversity Pipeline Committee is grateful for the support of the FCBA and contributing individuals and organizations that make this program possible. Interested in learning more? Visit our page on the FCBA website, <a href="https://www.fcba.org/diversity-pipeline-program/">https://www.fcba.org/diversity-pipeline-program/</a> or contact diversitypipeline@fcba.org. If you are interested in participating in the 2024 term of the program, contact the committee at the email address above.





































































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Note that we will also send out an email reminder to members about the opt-in process before each issue is published.

If you have any questions, please send an email to Elizabeth Hagerty (elizabeth@fcba.org).

### **Save the Dates!**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding the FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel on Thursday, December 7, 2023. It will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. Please keep an eye out in the fall for further details. We currently do not have any information on purchasing tables and/or tickets, or issuing invitations.

We are also excited to announce that the **FCBA Annual Seminar** will be held April 26-28, 2024 at the Omni Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. We hope you'll join us next year!

### Join the FCBA and FCBA Foundation on Social Media!

The FCBA and the FCBA Foundation 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!

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### **To Update Your Membership Contact Information**

We'd like to remind everyone that if you have any changes to your membership contact information, please contact Elizabeth Hagerty (elizabeth@fcba.org). In order to keep a cohesive look to our directory, we do not allow members to make any changes to their information themselves.

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Assistant Vice President, Policy & Advocacy - USTelecom - The Broadband Association is the leading voice of and advocate for the broadband innovation industry. The Assistant Vice President, Policy and Advocacy will join a team that leads the association's advocacy efforts before the Executive Branch, regulatory agencies, courts, and other government entities. The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, an excellent writer, well-organized and flexible with an ability to simultaneously work on a variety of complex policy matters - including those issues they lead and in support of other team members. They will regularly engage with our members, partners, policymakers, and other stakeholders to advance USTelecom's mission, agenda, visibility, leadership, and growth.

#### Responsibilities:

- Implement a focused strategic advocacy plan for priority issues critical to our members' business interests.
- Coordinate and lead regular in-person and video conference meetings of USTelecom
- Draft regulatory pleadings before federal agencies.
- Represent the association in meetings with policymakers and external organizations.
- Raise the industry's and association's presence, impact, and thought leadership through active participation in industry
- Develop litigation strategies in consultation with counsel.
- Collaborate closely across teams within the association, with our members, and with external stakeholders to maximize USTelecom's impact.

#### **Qualifications:**

- 4+ years of experience in the legal profession and/or in relevant policy roles.
- Experience working on issues relevant to the broadband/internet/technology community.
  - Knowledge and experience related to wireline and wireless infrastructure policy and legal issues desired.
- Knowledge of federal communications law, regulatory process, and agency workings.
  - Prior government experience related to communications/technology policy desired, but not required.

- Strong organizational skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills.
- Positive attitude and strong work ethic.
- Commitment to the association's values of respect, inclusivity, and equity in the workplace and beyond.

#### **Education:**

- Bachelor's degree.
- J.D. or other advanced degree preferred.

USTelecom is an equal employment opportunity employer committed to inclusive hiring, advancement, and professional development. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

USTelecom offers a competitive salary, a generous benefits package, a collaborative, team-oriented hybrid work environment, and a Metro-accessible location in Washington DC. Interested candidates may submit a resume, writing sample, and cover letter via e-mail to hr@ustelecom.org with "Assistant Vice President, Policy & Advocacy" in the subject

#### 7.23.2

Corporate Counsel - Amazon is seeking experienced internet service/ telecommunications compliance attorneys to join the Amazon Legal team supporting Project Kuiper. Amazon's Project Kuiper is an initiative to launch a constellation of Low Earth Orbit satellites that will provide low-latency, highspeed broadband connectivity to unserved and underserved communities around the world.

Counsel with strong expertise in internet/ telecommunications compliance obligations, including: working with transactional counsel in the implementation of those obligations in transactions with enterprise and government customers; and consumer protection obligations, including those that apply to billing and payments.

Working closely with the Kuiper team and across Amazon, these Corporate Counsel will develop out-of-this-world strategies for handling legal issues in creative, businesscentric ways, as well as build processes that

Earth. Some travel, domestic and international, may be required. No intergalactic travel is yet required.

We are looking for stellar Corporate

address risk and allow Kuiper the flexibility and freedom to move quickly. These positions may be based in Arlington, VA (HQ2), Redmond, WA, or New York, NY,

### FCBA Unplugged

FCBA UNPLUGGED is a podcast series for and about our beloved FCBA community. FCBA Unplugged features a series of fun, informal conversations between host Kelly Donohue, a Public Policy Manager at Facebook and cochair of the FCBA's Membership and Marketing Committee, and you, our FCBA members! While it's certainly no proxy for in-person events, it's a fun opportunity to collectively



check in with our FCBA friends and family while we are all working from home in our pajama bottoms, and maybe discover a few hidden talents along the way.

**HOW CAN I LISTEN AND SUPPORT THE SHOW?** We're available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, on the FCBA website - https://www.fcba.org/products-services/ podcast, and at https://www.buzzsprout.com/1458427. Please tune in, leave a review, and tell the world about the show on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter!

**CAN I BE ON THE SHOW?** If you have ideas for topics or guests, or would like to be on the show yourself, send Kelly an email at kellydonohue@fb.com. The suggestion box is open!

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### **JOB** Bank

Export Control Requirement:

Due to applicable export control laws and regulations, candidates must be a U.S. citizen or national, U.S. permanent resident (i.e., current Green Card holder), or lawfully admitted into the U.S. as a refugee or granted asylum.

### BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

J.D. degree from an accredited law school and active membership in one state bar 5+ years' experience as a regulatory or compliance attorney including 3+ years' experience representing communications companies on regulatory or compliance matters

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

A mix of law firm and in-house experience a plus

Ability to work independently while being able to contribute successfully to cross-functional teams

Excited and passionate about innovating on behalf of our customers

Strong written and oral communication skills

Amazon is committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace. Amazon is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, disability, age, or other legally protected status. For individuals with disabilities who would like to request an accommodation, please visit <a href="https://www.amazon.jobs/en/disability/us">https://www.amazon.jobs/en/disability/us</a>.

Please visit amazon.jobs to learn more and submit an application via the following links: https://www.amazon.jobs/en/jobs/2388808/corporate-counsel-isp-compliance-enterprise-deal-and-government-contract-support-kuiper-legal

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#### 7.23.3

Director of Policy – SIA is looking for a Director of Policy who will work with Member Companies to develop consensus positions on a wide range of policy, legislative and regulatory issues; the Director will frequently represent the Association and advocate such consensus positions on behalf of the Association before the U.S. Government, and in various venues, including industry events and panels. The Director of Policy must have a satellite background and expertise in one or more of the following critical policy areas: satellite regulations, spectrum, telecommunications, remote sensing, and space sustainability.

The Director of Policy must also have the ability to quickly understand established SIA positions and concerns and identify emerging policy issues befitting development of an SIA position. Because SIA is a consensus-based organization, the Director of Policy must be adept at managing multistakeholder processes to a successful conclusion, facilitating solutions through a range of engagement styles across the Association's diverse membership. The Director of Policy will also be responsible for attending the Association's events, in both support and participant roles, to enhance the industry's profile in Washington.

The Director of Policy will report directly to the SIA President and will interact frequently with members of the SIA Board of Directors, the SIA Working Groups, and with members of the organization and serve as the lead staff person for SIA policy Working Groups.

### **Required Competencies**

- 5+ years' experience working with U.S. federal policy and regulatory matters, including some level of working relationships with relevant U.S. Government entities, including the Departments of Commerce, Defense, State, and the Federal Communications Commission, NTIA, NASA, and the House and Senate Armed Services, Commerce, and Foreign Affairs/ Relations. The most competitive candidates will have experience working in or with the satellite industry and the spectrum community.
- 3+ years satellite or telecommunications policy/regulatory experience, including corporate, government or trade association experience.
- Excellent communication skills, including an ability to speak publicly at industry events and prepare written policy statements.
- Strong analytical and research abilities.
- Demonstrated ability to work in an efficient and organized manner.
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate and coordinate groups toward a consensus-based solution.

### How to Apply

Email your resume and cover letter to **info@sia.org** no later than **COB Friday**, **July 14**, **2023**. No phone calls, please.

#### 7.23.4

General Counsel – America's Public Television Stations (APTS) seeks a General Counsel to manage the legal and regulatory affairs of a non-profit (501)(c)(3) membership organization whose mission is to ensure a strong and financially sound public television system and help its member stations provide essential public services in education, public safety and civic leadership to the American people.

The General Counsel is responsible for the governance and non-profit legal issues of the organization and serves as the Corporate Secretary. The General Counsel will also manage the telecommunications and spectrum issues and strategies of the organization, including the development of spectrum-related business and service opportunities with stations and industry partners, as well as serving as APTS liaison to the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies. The position will report directly to the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Responsibilities also include legal research and writing, drafting comments and position papers, interacting with member public television stations, coordinating with other public media organizations, and serving as a liaison with various industry and federal agency officials. The General Counsel also provides legal support to the legislative team by assisting in drafting testimony and proposed statutory and report language.

As Corporate Secretary, the General Counsel is the liaison with the organization's board members and is responsible for board meetings, including agendas, materials and minutes, and board committee meetings.

Knowledge of media law and business, as well as spectrum management, is critical. Understanding of the Communications Act and FCC rules and practices is required. In addition, the ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Capability to quickly understand complex policy and technology issues.
- Excellent writing and oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including but not limited to the ability to work with others on a cooperative basis and as part of a team.
- Enthusiasm for the mission of public television.

The General Counsel position is a regular fulltime exempt position. The position includes an excellent benefits package, a pleasant working environment, and opportunity for growth. APTS is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all forms that reflect the society public television serves.

Please email a cover letter with resume, brief writing sample and salary history to Tammye F. Heatley, at **jobs@apts.org**. No phone calls, please. Visit **www.apts.org**.

### **FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!**

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Calendar	
July 1	FCBA Membership and Fiscal Year Begins
July 18	FCBA/ABA Young Lawyers Seminar and Reception
July 21	Diversity Pipeline Program Committee Lunch & Learn
August 3	Young Lawyers Committee Happy Hour
October 26	FCBA/FCBA Foundation Annual Charity Auction
December 7	FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel at the Marriott Marquis
April 26-28, 2024	FCBA Annual Seminar at Omni Homestead in Hot Springs, VA



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