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34th Annual FCBA Charity Auction to be held on October 26

The Young Lawyers Committee of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) and the FCBA Foundation is proud to host its 34th Annual Charity Auction on **Thursday, October 26 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. ET** at The Madison Hotel in downtown Washington, DC. This year's event features two stellar emcees, FCBA's own President, **Diane Holland**, and FCBA

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2023 FCBA Charity Auction

35th Annual FCBA Dinner featuring Chairwoman Rosenworcel on December 7

The 35th Annual Dinner featuring Chairwoman Rosenworcel will be held **Thursday, December 7** at the **Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m. in the Marquis Ballroom and will be followed by remarks from FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel. Tables include a \$150.00 tax deductible donation to the FCBA Foundation.



Jessica Rosenworcel

Note that each table will have 10 seats. Additional seats are not available for purchase.

INVITING GOVERNMENT GUESTS

Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulation on widely attended gatherings (5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2)), the FCBA Annual Dinner appears to qualify as a widely attended gathering. Most

employees of the Federal Communications Commission may be directly invited to attend the dinner as guests of individuals and

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Upcoming Key Events

AI, Machine Learning, and Robotics / Professional Responsibility Committees CLE

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Media Committee CLE

Date/Time: Monday, November 20, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Sports Betting and Cannabis: Advertising on the Edge

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PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR FCBA MEMBERS,

First, the bad news--we did not meet our (ok, it was only mine, and I was warned it was a longshot) goal of reaching 2,000 members by the end of our renewal campaign and on October 1, all non-renewed 2022-2023 FCBA members were dropped from our active member rolls. The good news is that it's not too late to renew your membership for this year, but act now so you don't miss out on member benefits that include deeply discounted registration fees for CLEs, receptions and events like Annual Seminar, complimentary inclusion in our Speaker's Bureau, and bragging rights that you are a member of the DC Bar's 2023 Voluntary Bar of the Year!



There's more good news. Over the summer months, we added 65 new members, and renewed another 305 existing members in the month of September alone. Let's keep this trend going.

But wait, there's even more good news—tables and registration are now available for the Annual Dinner Featuring FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel on December 7th at the Marriott Marquis.

Our hard-working committees and chapters have lined up some great events for October. I am excited to be attending my first Chapter event as FCBA President in Boston on October 17th, hosted by the New England Chapter and Boston University College of Communication. For this Current Issues Conference, I will be fireside chatting with Wendy Lader, the Northeast Regional Director at NTIA's Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth about her role regarding the BEAD Program, and there will be two panels featuring State Broadband Directors and industry Broadband Providers, followed by a reception. If you are in the Boston area, I hope to see you there.

Be sure to check out our [[upcoming events page](#)] for other fall programming, including a virtual Lunch and Learn on October 18th hosted by the Media Committee that will provide a very timely discussion about issues in political broadcasting rules, and the inaugural CLE for the Space and Global Communications Ad Hoc Committee on November 2nd titled Lunar/Cislunar 101: Space Communications Infrastructure, Global Coordination and International Law.

And please join us for the 34th Annual Charity Auction on October 26th at the Madison Hotel, benefiting Generation Hope and the FCBA Foundation. It's still not too late to donate an auction item to help support these worthy causes.

Finally, I was saddened to hear of the recent passing of a former FCC colleague, Douglas Slotten, who was an extraordinary and long-time civil servant. Doug served in Vietnam, where he suffered significant injuries that cost him his sight and created

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Tuesday, October 24, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET The Promise and Peril of Generative AI

The FCBA Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Ad Hoc Committee and Professional Responsibility Committee will co-sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, October 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled The Promise and Peril of Generative AI. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Come join us for an exciting discussion on the opportunities and pitfalls presented by generative AI.

The first hour of the program will explore how the rules of professional responsibility—including the ethical duties of competence, communication, confidentiality, candor to the tribunal, and supervision—govern attorneys' use of ChatGPT and other emerging technology. The panelists will also discuss other ethics issues implicated by use of AI, including bias in facial recognition, predictive policing, and hiring.

The second hour of the program will provide a technical overview of how Machine Learning systems operate and the compliance challenges they face under existing regulatory frameworks, along with a more in-depth review of the legal issues raised around 3rd party liability and Intellectual Property protections.

The FCBA will apply for 1.0 hour of Ethics credit and 1.0 hour of general MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has not yet been approved.

[Click here to register.](#)

If you have any issues, please contact Wendy Parish at wendy@fcba.org.

Thursday, November 2, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET Lunar/Cislunar 101: Space Communications Infrastructure, Global Coordination and International Law

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The FCBA will apply for 2.0 hours of MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has not yet been approved.

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Agenda

TO THE MOON AND BACK – The time has come where industry, government, and other public or private participants will utilize new and innovative communications infrastructure in Lunar/Cislunar space—the large region in the Earth-Moon system beyond geosynchronous (GEO) orbit, including the Moon. This CLE 101 will give participants the basics of Lunar/Cislunar developments and discuss recent deployments of space communications infrastructure, such as 5G wireless connections. The CLE will also discuss global coordination and the growing international law governing Lunar/Cislunar infrastructure today and in the future.

3:00 – 3:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Denise Coca, Co-Chair of the FCBA Space and Global Communications Ad Hoc Committee and Division Chief, Federal Communications Commission, Office of International Affairs, Telecommunications and Analysis Division

3:05 – 3:15 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jeff Volosin, Deputy Associate Administrator for SCan, NASA

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

SPACE COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Jennifer A. Manner, Co-Chair of the FCBA Space and Global Communications Ad Hoc Committee and SVP, Regulatory Affairs, EchoStar/Hughes

Panelists:

Lindsay Papsidero, Director Lunar Communications and Navigation International Spectrum Program Manager, Lockheed Martin
Brian Patten, Vice-Chairman of the Radio Conference Subcommittee (RCS), Department of Commerce, NTIA

Cathy Sham, Lunar Spectrum Management Coordinator, NASA
Additional Speakers TBA

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

GLOBAL COORDINATION & INTERNATIONAL LAW

Scott Tollefsen, Co-Chair of the FCBA Space and Global Communications Ad Hoc Committee and Law Office of Scott Tollefsen

Panelists:

Joel Graham, Partner, Meeks, Butera & Israel PLLC

Ethan Lucarelli, Bureau Chief, Federal Communications Commission, Office of International Affairs (invited)

Michael Mineiro, Senior Counsel, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Additional Speakers TBA

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Monday, November 6, 3:00 – 5:15 p.m. ET Cyber Incident Reporting: Navigating and Harmonizing Cyber Incident Reporting to Enhance Public Safety

The FCBA Cybersecurity Committee and Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee will co-sponsor a CLE on **Monday, November 6 from 3:00 – 5:15 p.m. ET** entitled Cyber Incident Reporting: Navigating and Harmonizing Cyber Incident Reporting to Enhance Public Safety. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

A variety of existing and emerging laws, regulations, and procedures for reporting cyber incidents have the communications sector asking questions about how these obligations work together to enhance transparency, build confidence, and facilitate preparedness and response efforts. This CLE will feature speakers from the public and private sectors

discussing the evolution and efforts to harmonize these efforts.

The FCBA will apply for 2.0 hours of MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has not yet been approved.

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Wednesday, November 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET Privacy and Security Developments at the FCC

The FCBA Privacy and Data Security Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Wednesday, November 8 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled Privacy and Security Developments at the FCC. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

During this program, we will review the FCC's recently launched Privacy and Data Protection Task Force and how the

FCC's approach fits into the broader U.S. National Cyber Strategy. The CLE will also explore several recent regulatory and enforcement developments on a range of topics, including SIM swaps, CPNI rules, data breach notifications, the Safe Connections Act, and IoT cybersecurity labeling. Come join us for an exciting and informative discussion of the latest regulatory and enforcement developments. Panelists will include experts from the government and private industry.

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Tuesday, November 14, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET National Security and the FCC's Equipment Authorization Program

The FCBA Engineering and Technical Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday, November 14 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET** entitled National Security and the FCC's Equipment Authorization Program. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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SAVE THE DATE! 41st Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation

Presented by Practising Law Institute in cooperation with the Federal Communications Bar Association, join a faculty of top practitioners, in-house counsel from telecommunications organizations, and senior officials from the FCC **in-person** or via **live webcast** at the **41st Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation** on **December 6** at the JW Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. This premier conference will provide attendees with in-depth understanding of current issues facing the telecommunications industry today while looking ahead at what is in store for 2024. Watch for schedule and faculty updates in the coming days at www.pli.edu/telecom and in the FCBA October newsletter!

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Monday, November 20, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET Sports Betting and Cannabis: Advertising on the Edge

The FCBA Media Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, November 20 from**

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET entitled Sports Betting and Cannabis: Advertising on the Edge. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

This CLE will consist of two panels. The first will focus on the current state of the law for cannabis and related substances (including CBD and medical marijuana) and the risks involved in advertising different categories of cannabis products. The second panel will address the current state of play in sports betting for both

advertising and content services. The panelists will consist of legal and industry experts.

The FCBA will apply for 2.0 hours of MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has not yet been approved.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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other physical challenges, and he later served for more than four decades as an FCC lawyer. Doug worked on countless proceedings and mentored generations of FCC lawyers with his kind, patient, and friendly manner. My condolences to Doug's family and his FCC colleagues; I know he will be greatly missed.

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

Diane Holland
FCBA President 2023-2024

35TH ANNUAL FCBA DINNER

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organizations without the involvement of the FCBA. However, individuals who have signed the Administration's Ethics pledge cannot accept invitations from registered lobbying organizations or registered lobbyists. Some agencies, departments and branches of the Federal Government may apply additional stipulations above the regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics. 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.

Requests for invitations to be sent from the FCBA must be emailed to kerry@fcba.org by Friday, November 17. Invitees will be placed at the discretion of the FCBA.

Thank you to Crown Castle for Sponsoring the 34th Annual Charity Auction at the Platinum Level!

They will make a huge difference to this year's beneficiaries – **Generation Hope** and the **FCBA Foundation**. We greatly appreciate their support!



AUCTION COMMITTEE PEP RALLY AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Held October 5

The Auction Committee would like to thank everyone for joining us for the Pep Rally and Trivia Night October 5th at Astro Beer Hall. Congratulations to The Ringtones—Anthony Patrone, Barry Ohlson, Elizabeth Cuttner, Pam Arluk, and Taigue Fullerton-Meaney—for coming in first place at Trivia! A special thanks to Cassie Vangellow and Kiara Ortiz for planning the event. It was a huge success and we're so excited for the Auction on October 26th!



Trivia Winners "The Ringtones" Anthony Patrone, Taigue Fullerton-Meaney, Barry Ohlson, Elizabeth Cuttner, Pam Arluk



Unplugged Podcast host, **Kelly Donohue**. Also this year, fan favorite auctioneer, Steve Little, is returning to the stage to help us collect proceeds for two amazing, local non-profit organizations – **Generation Hope** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

Pre-registration is now **LIVE!** Please visit the **Auction Website** to set up your account for bidding in the online auction and attendance the day of the event. As a reminder, all bidding will be conducted virtually. It is important to register before you get to the event so you only have to scan the QR codes and bid your heart out.

This year, the online auction will open on Tuesday, October 24th. The excitement will begin, particularly for those interested in getting an early peak and a head start on prizes. Thanks to our wonderful donors thus far, we have exciting prizes including gift cards to top tier DC restaurants, tickets to all kinds of local sporting events and performances, travel getaways, and so much more!

If you are interested in donating a prize or money to help make the auction a success, please [click here to donate](#) or email Kasey McGee (kmcgee@fcclaw.com). All donations can be emailed to Janeen Wynn at janeen@fcba.org or mailed to Kasey McGee at Lukas, LaFuria, Lantor & Sachs, LLP, 8350 Broad Street, Suite 1450, Tysons, VA 22102. Contributions are tax deductible, to the extent permitted by law.

The Auction Committee Would Like to Thank the Sponsors of This Year's Event!

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If you are interested in volunteering for the Auction, please send an email to FCBAAuction@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about the Charity Auction, please contact **Kasey McGee** (kmcgee@fcclaw.com) and **Janeen Wynn** (janeen@fcba.org).

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!

FCBA: **Facebook**, **LinkedIn**, **Twitter** (@FCBALaw) and **Instagram** (@fcba_law)
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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Ad Hoc Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Professional Responsibility Committee
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 24, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: The Promise and Peril of Generative AI
Cost: \$135.00 for Private Sector Members; \$95.00 for Non-Profit 501c3 Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional/Retired Members; No charge for Law Student Members; \$205.00 for Non-Members
For more information: See [page 3](#).
To register: [Click here](#).
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Cybersecurity Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee
Date/Time: Monday, November 6, 3:00 – 5:15 p.m. ET
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Diversity Pipeline Program Committee

Event: DPP Year 4 Informational Session for Employers, first-year Law students, and Law School Administration
Date/Time: Monday, October 23, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: DPP Year 4 Program Webinar Kick-off
Description: Since its inception in 2020, the FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program has undergone an incredible journey, providing valuable opportunities for diverse first-year law students interested in pursuing careers in the TMT space. The Program has received close to 300 applications from 29 law schools across the nation, nearly 100 students completed our substantive TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program, and 78 students interned with 34 participating employers. We invite prospective employer participants, student applicants, and anyone curious about our Summer 2024 Program to join us. FCBA DPP committee chairs will share details on the purpose, timeline, and application process for Summer 2024 Internships.
For more information: Contact Anisa (al7161@att.com), Rudy (Rudy_Brioche@comcast.com), or Svetlana (sgans@gibsondunn.com).
[Click here to register](#).

Engineering and Technical Committee

Event: CLE Seminar
Date/Time: Tuesday, November 14, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
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Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

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Media Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn
Date/Time: Wednesday, October 18, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Political Broadcasting Rules Update—a discussion about issues in political broadcasting. Please note this program will be off the record.
Speakers: TBD
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New England Chapter

Event: New England Chapter and Boston University College of Communication Current Issues Conference

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Location: Boston University Photonics Center, 8 Saint Mary's Street, Boston, MA 02215

Topic: Broadband Funding, Deployment and Equity from Federal, State and Provider Perspectives

Agenda (tentative)

2pm: Introductions from David W. Bogan (Partner, Day Pitney LLP and FCBA-New England Chapter Co-Chair), T. Barton Carter (Professor, BU College of Communication) and Diane Griffin Holland (Partner, Wiley Rein LLP and FCBA President).

2:15pm: Fireside Chat featuring Wendy Lader (Northeast Regional Director, Department of Commerce National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth) and Diane Griffin Holland.

2:45pm: State Broadband Director Panel featuring Michael Baldino (Director and

General Counsel, Massachusetts Broadband Institute), Andrew Butcher (President, Maine Connectivity Authority), Christine Hallquist (Executive Director, Vermont Community Broadband Board), Kevin Pisacich (Director, Connecticut Office of Technology and Broadband, Bureau of Technology and Energy Policy), and Brian Thorn (Director, Broadband Strategy, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation), moderated by Daniel Lyons (Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Boston College Law School).

3:45pm: Provider Panel featuring Mike Chowaniec (Vice President of State Government Affairs, Charter Communications), Jill Sandford (Chief Legal Officer, FirstLight Fiber), and Teri Ohta (Senior Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile USA, Inc.), moderated by Jackie McCarthy (FCBA-New England Chapter Co-Chair)

5:00: Reception

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Privacy and Data Security Committee

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FCBA DIVERSITY PIPELINE PROGRAM

Diversity Pipeline Program Celebrates Year 3 Success and Announces October 23 Informational Program Launching Year 4

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To celebrate these accomplishments, on June 8, 2023, nearly 100 people gathered at Hogan Lovell US LLP for our inaugural Diversity Pipeline Program Reunion. The event drew dozens of former and current Diversity Pipeline students from across the country, dedicated employers, esteemed TMT faculty, and various professionals and luminaries in the TMT field. The reception featured remarks from **Caitlin Brosseau**, Senior Director and Head of Global Government Affairs and Public Policy at Tripadvisor; **Gigi Sohn**, Senior Fellow & Public Advocate at the Benton Institute; and **Elizabeth Wilkins**, Chief of Staff to the FTC Chair Lina Khan and

Director at the Office of Policy Planning. All discussed the importance of and appreciation for FCBA's work to grow diversity in the Tech Bar.

As we embark on Year 4, we are working to grow even further. Our inaugural program graduates have now finished law school and tackled the bar, taking their place in the legal world. Our central vision remains to create an evolving pipeline, opening doors for diverse students and nurturing future leaders who will one day shape the Tech Bar and the TMT space. You can read more about the progress we've made in our **2023 Diversity Pipeline Program Annual Report**.

We, the Diversity Pipeline Program co-chairs, extend our deep gratitude to

our participating employers and our FCBA volunteers and supporters who have helped make the Diversity Pipeline Program a resounding success. Our journey pushes onward, and **we invite prospective employer participants, student applicants, and anyone curious about our Summer 2024 Program to join us for an informational webinar on Monday, October 23**. Please keep an eye out on the website for additional details. In the meantime, please [click here](#) to register. For more information, please contact Anisa (al7161@att.com), Rudy (Rudy_Brioche@comcast.com), or Svetlana (sgans@gibsondunn.com).

We hope you will join us as we continue to Raise the Bar and build a stronger Pipeline.

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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).

Thaila Sundaresan

By: Laura Phillips

Thaila Sundaresan is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine in San Francisco, where her practice encompasses both appellate litigation and telecommunications. She leverages her years of practice in government and the private sector to solve client problems in matters before state and federal regulators as well as before courts. Thaila has argued and briefed numerous cases in the federal and state courts of appeals. She also represents communications clients before the California Public Utilities Commission, advising them on a broad range of regulatory and legal matters. Prior to joining her Davis Wright Tremaine, Thaila served as an appellate litigator with the FCC General Counsel's office for six years. She currently serves as a co-chair of the FCBA's Northern California chapter as well as the Chapter Representative on the FCBA's Executive Committee. I was able to virtually meet with Thaila to get a better sense of how she has evolved and developed as a communications lawyer and litigator.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I came to the field of communications quite indirectly. I had a break between college and law school and then went to law school, had clerkships and was a litigation associate at two large law firms. We moved often due to my husband's line of work and in 2015, my family and I were moving to DC from Boston, and I was on the lookout for a new opportunity. I saw that the FCC had an opening for an appellate litigator, and I decided to apply. At the time, I had zero background in communications, but I loved doing appellate litigation. So, I figured I had nothing to lose by applying. Joining the FCC was the best thing that could have happened to me, professionally. I loved being at an agency where there was such deep institutional knowledge about communications. Prior to joining the agency, as a general appellate litigator I had a broad ranging set of clients and issues. And while I initially thought that communications law and policy would be a bit of a niche, that has not proved to be the case at all. The FCC allowed me to begin to build subject matter expertise in a single fascinating area that continues to grow and evolve. I also loved drafting briefs and arguing cases entirely on my own – in private practice as an associate, there were always several people working on a brief but in government, it's usually

just the line attorney doing it all – it was both intimidating and exhilarating!

In addition, the FCC lawyers, and engineers whom I worked with in the bureaus were uniformly helpful in helping me get up to speed on relevant issues and were generous in taking time to answer questions to better educate me, so that I could successfully defend FCC orders on appeal in the DC Circuit. Finally, it was a pleasure to work with some of the brightest minds in the General Counsel's office – I learned so much from my colleagues.

Q: Can you provide an overview of your career trajectory thus far?

A: It has not been linear! I knew in law school from the moment I participated in a moot court competition that I wanted to be an appellate litigator, but never even thought about practicing in communications. Right out of law school, I was fortunate to clerk for two federal judges – Judge Chasanow in the District of Maryland and Judge McKee on the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit – and those experiences helped me become a stronger writer and editor, as well as provided the opportunity to develop relationships with two excellent judges. After that I worked as an appellate and general litigation associate for five

years at two large law firms. A family move brought me to DC, where I spent 6 years in the FCC General Counsel's Office. So, I was 6 years out of law school before I became a communications lawyer. While I was happily working at the FCC, Davis Wright Tremaine recruited me to join their San Francisco office as a partner in the communications practice. I was not expecting to return to the world of private law practice, much less be a partner in a firm, but it has worked out very well.

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

A: Not at all. As I never expected to become a communications lawyer and came to the field by chance, there is no way I could have dreamed that I would be a partner at a large law firm handling a range of communications policy and litigation. Nor did I expect to leave the FCC, where I was very happy, challenged and fulfilled as a professional. However, Davis Wright Tremaine offered me the opportunity to grow my appellate practice while working with leading communications clients on important regulatory matters. That opportunity was too good to pass up.

Q: What are a few of the most interesting or challenging things that you've done?

A: Probably the most challenging thing for me recently has been transitioning back to private practice as a partner after working in government for so long. At the FCC, particularly as an appellate litigator, I knew my schedule well in advance and there were few surprises. I knew when my brief was due, when oral argument was scheduled, etc. Now, I have clients calling me regularly and I manage a large team where there are frequent deadlines to be managed. On the plus side, there's never a dull moment, and it's also taught me how to manage my time more efficiently.

At the FCC, the most interesting and challenging thing I did was to argue regularly before the DC Circuit. Prior to

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THAILA SUNDARESAN

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joining the FCC, as a litigation associate, I had never argued anything in any court. My first federal court appearance was arguing a complex intercarrier compensation case in the DC Circuit before Judge (now Justice) Kavanaugh, Judge Srinivasan and Judge Tatel – three giants of the bench. Both my mom and husband were in the courtroom audience silently cheering me on. I was so nervous, but it went well. And every subsequent oral argument became that much easier. Looking back, arguing on behalf of the FCC in federal court was the best part of my job.

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

A: Jake Lewis, Litigation Chief at the FCC, was a great teacher and a wonderful mentor! Jake is one of the smartest, most humble people I know. Every time I thought I wrote a good brief, he reviewed it, edited it, and made it 100% better. I feel very lucky to have been able to work with him and learn from him during a formative time in my career in government.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: I'm a huge reader of fiction and am lucky to be a relatively fast reader. At one point I read a book a week. Back in 2018 when I was at the FCC and we had a five-week government shutdown, I read nearly 40 books during that time! I now have a 5th grader who is a voracious reader too, and I have started to read some of his books as well – recent favorites are Amari and the Night Brothers, and Wonder.

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

A: My best career advice to someone getting started is to join the FCBA! I wish I had gotten involved earlier, when I first became a communications lawyer working at the FCC. I joined later once I moved to California. There are so many informative CLEs, panels, and mentoring opportunities at the FCBA for a young communications lawyer or other professional starting out that can help you as you think about how to build skills, ignite your career and just general career development.

Q: What is something interesting about you that people are not generally aware of that you're willing to share?

A: I'm a life-long singer. I grew up singing in the San Francisco Girls Chorus, sang in a few operas, and performed in an a cappella group in college. Back when I lived in DC, I sang with the City Choir of Washington. I currently sing, teach, and perform Indian music in the Bay Area. Our San Francisco Davis Wright office puts on an awesome Diwali event every year, where I have sung and even taught my colleagues a song or two! Music is a huge passion of mine; it makes me very happy to sing.

Q: How has your life or work changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

A: I'm an extrovert, so being at home for so long did bother at me first. Fortunately, I never felt lonely because my two boys and husband were with me all the time! I was very happy we had a house with a backyard when COVID struck as we could just as easily have been in an apartment with no place for a kid to run around. I really like my current hybrid work format, where I go into the office twice a week. This way I get to interact and socialize with colleagues and

build connections, but I'm also able to get work done at home and chat with my kids when they come home after school. I also enjoy taking an afternoon walk around my neighborhood whenever I can.

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

A: Ironically, I only became involved in the FCBA after I left DC and moved to the Bay Area three and a half years ago. I had very young children (two kids under 4) when I lived in DC and worked at the FCC, so it was hard to find time to attend after work events. I joined the Northern California FCBA chapter when I moved because I did not know any communications lawyers in the Bay Area and wanted to find my tribe! Soon enough, I became a co-chair of the Chapter and this year I'm on the Executive Committee as the Chapter Representative.

I have loved being a part of the FCBA. It's a very inclusive, supportive bar.

I have to say one side effect of the pandemic that was positive for the FCBA members outside of Washington was the necessary FCBA pivot to virtual programming. Suddenly, it didn't matter where you lived as we were all in the same boat largely working from home and wanting to maintain professional connections. Virtual programming is what allowed me to begin speaking on FCBA panels, attending, and speaking at the Women's Leadership events, and getting involved in a way that would have been very difficult to do pre-pandemic. The Chapters feel much more engaged and connected to the FCBA now with the hybrid programming that the FCBA continues to offer.

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.

2024 FCBA ANNUAL SEMINAR



2024 FCBA Annual Seminar to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort April 26-28 ~ SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join your colleagues at The Omni Homestead Resort for the 2024 FCBA Annual Seminar on April 26-28. Watch for program details in the coming months.

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We hope you'll join us at the 2024 FCBA Annual Seminar!

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10.23.1

Attorney Advisor - International – The Commercial Law Development Program (www.cldp.doc.gov) is seeking a telecommunications attorney to support its Digital and Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership (DCCP) activities in countries around the world.

Competitive candidates should have broad experience in telecommunications and information matters and specific experience in wireless and international communications. The attorney would serve as both a subject matter expert and program manager to conceptualize, design, and implement programs to assist countries in their ICT development and to further opportunities for U.S. businesses. The position requires regular overseas travel. Foreign language ability in Spanish is preferred.

Please send resume and cover letter to Megan McMillan at mmcmillan@doc.gov.

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Qualifications:

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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 co-chair 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!



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 Wendy Parish at wendy@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.

35TH FCBA ANNUAL DINNER *Registration*

Thursday, December 7, 2023

**THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS
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**RECEPTION - 5:45 P.M. - MEZZANINE
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PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATING IS RESERVED AND TICKETS WILL BE PREPARED FOR PICK-UP FROM THE FCBA OFFICE AFTER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Due to the nature of the event, there will be no refunds for tables purchased. Individuals may cancel and request a refund no later than Tuesday, November 28. No refunds will be granted after this date.

BUSINESS ATTIRE

Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulation on widely attended gatherings (5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2)), the FCBA Annual Dinner appears to qualify as a widely attended gathering. Most employees of the Federal Communications Commission may be directly invited to attend the dinner as guests of individuals and organizations without the involvement of the FCBA. However, individuals who have signed the Administration's Ethics pledge cannot accept invitations from registered lobbying organizations or registered lobbyists. Some agencies, departments and branches of the Federal Government may apply additional stipulations above the regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics. 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. Requests for invitations to be sent from the FCBA must be emailed to kerry@fcba.org by Friday, November 17. Invitees will be placed at the discretion of the FCBA.

FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

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Taylor Abshire

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Patrick McGrath, Federal Communications Commission

Hiromi Oka

Grace Schlepis

Thomas Sullivan, Federal Communications Commission

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Kenneth Westbrook

And huge thanks to those that recruited them: Elizabeth Goldin, Rosemary Harold, Michael Janson, Brenda Leong, Victoria Randazzo, Courtney Tolerico

Calendar

October 18	Media Committee Lunch and Learn
October 24	CLE Seminar: The Promise and Peril of Generative AI presented by the Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Ad Hoc Committee and Professional Responsibility Committee
October 26	FCBA/FCBA Foundation Annual Charity Auction
November 2	CLE Seminar: Lunar/Cislunar 101: Space Communications Infrastructure, Global Coordination and International Law presented by the Space and Global Communications Ad Hoc Committee
November 6	CLE Seminar: Cyber Incident Reporting: Navigating and Harmonizing Cyber Incident Reporting to Enhance Public Safety presented by the Cybersecurity and Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committees
November 8	CLE Seminar: Privacy and Security Developments at the FCC presented by the Privacy and Data Security Committee
November 14	CLE Seminar: National Security and the FCC's Equipment Authorization Program presented by Engineering and Technical Committee
November 20	CLE Seminar: Sports Betting and Cannabis: Advertising on the Edge presented by the Media Committee
December 6	Annual PLI and FCBA Conference at the JW Marriott
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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