

Fifth Annual Women's Summit Series – Session I February 13; Session II March 6 With Chairwoman Rosenworcel

The FCBA Women's Leadership Committee is pleased to present the Fifth Annual Women's Summit Series! All are welcome – please join us!

Session I of the two-part series will be an in-person event on **Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. ET** at Google, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC. The event will feature a keynote address from a special guest and a panel discussion, including Dean **Lisa Crooms-Robinson**, Howard University School of Law; Dean **Twinette Johnson**, UDC David A. Clarke School of Law; and Dean **Renée McDonald Hutchins**, University of Maryland Carey Law. They will be exploring recent law and policy challenges affecting the pipeline from law school to the legal profession, and related issues at the intersection of technology and equity. The event will conclude with a reception from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Session II, Investing in Innovative and Inclusive Leaders, will be an in-person, half-

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Omni Homestead Resort

2024 FCBA Annual Seminar to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort April 26-28 ~ Reserve Your Room by March 11

The 2024 FCBA Annual Seminar will be held at the Omni Homestead Resort on April 26-28. The Annual Seminar Committee is planning what promises to be an outstanding program filled with the latest information

Nominations for the "Excellence in Government Service" Award Due March 15

In 2008, the FCBA established an award, to be provided annually, to recognize the contributions of federal government employees to the field of communications. Recipients of the award include Daniel "Mack" Armstrong, Evan Kwerel, Julius Knapp, Mary Beth Richards, Patrick Carney, Karl Nebbia, Bobby Baker, Barbara Kreisman, Carol Mattey, Diane Cornell, Peter Doyle, Hossein Hashemzadeh, Kris Monteith, Jake Lewis, Margaret Wiener, Michelle Carey, and Ira Keltz. The 17th recipient will be announced in spring 2024.

All current federal government employees in communications-related positions (not limited to attorneys or FCBA members) are eligible nominees. The FCBA will consider an individual's dedication to excellence and long-term commitment to federal

Upcoming Key Events

State and Local Practice Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET **Topic:** The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future?

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Emerging Issues in Technology Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday, February 29, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET Topic: SCOTUS Takes Up Content Moderation & Big Tech Deals with the Digital Markets Act

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18th Annual FCBA/ ABA Privacy and Data Security Symposium Date/Time: Wednesday,

March 13, 12:00 – 3:15 p.m. ET **Topic:** Emerging Privacy and Security Approaches in Action SEE PAGE 5

Enforcement Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. ET Topic: Enforcement 101: The FCC's Administrative Hearing Process ▶ SEE PAGE 6

Northern California Chapter Panel Discussion

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. PT/ 8:30 – 9:45 p.m. ET Topic: FCBA NorCal Presents: Careers in Communications, Space and Tech Law ► SEE PAGE 10

Cybersecurity Committee Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Friday, February 23, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. ET Topic: Tips and Tricks for Mitigating Third-Party Vendor Security Risks ► SEE PAGE10

PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR FCBA MEMBERS,

I've always had mixed feelings about February, but despite its shortcomings (even with an extra day this leap year), it has some redeeming qualities. There's Valentine's Day (although not everyone is a fan), and it's Black History Month, a great opportunity to recognize and applaud Black excellence and achievement. February also commemorates



American Heart Month (of course), National Cancer Prevention Month, and Humpback Whale Awareness Month, to name a few. And Random Act of Kindness Day is February 17. So Happy February, and I hope the month brings you multiple reasons to celebrate, or practice random kindness, or both.

A shout out, and my sincere thanks, to our Southern California Chapter, especially Co-Chair Sanford Williams who arranged a dinner for FCBA members and UCLA law students on their home turf and allowed me to take over his law class for an hour. President-Elect Kathy Kirby and I had a great time getting to know more FCBA members outside of the DC bubble. Next up for me later this month is a visit to the Texas Chapter, and I look forward to hearing from them how the DC Voluntary Bar of the Year can better serve our chapters around the country.

February is also a busy month for FCBA events. There's the Fifth Annual Women's Summit, with Session I on February 13th at the DC offices of Google; we are so fortunate to be hosting three DC Area law school Deans who will share their insights on many topics, including the importance of partnerships with the legal industry. I will be moderating this esteemed panel, so please join us for this important discussion, to be followed by a networking reception. Session II kicks off Women's History Month on March 6th at the AT&T Forum with "Investing in Innovative and Inclusive Leaders," a half-day of crucial conversations featuring FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel in a fireside chat with yours truly. Thank you to our sponsors who are making the Summit possible, and I hope to see you at both events (all are welcomed)!

Other February programming includes two CLE programs on what's next for BEAD broadband funding and the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference, plus Lunch and Learns with the Engineering & Technical and Cybersecurity Committees. The Northern California Chapter is hosting a Careers panel, perfect for students and current lawyers curious about what's hot in TMT careers. Be sure to check out our **events page** for details on all on our great upcoming events.

Finally, in case you had fallen off the RandomCoffee wagon like I had for a couple of busy months, I hope this inspires you to jump back on. I was paired with a colleague I first met while working at the FCC many years ago, Suzanne Tetreault. We immediately scheduled coffee within a few days and had a great time catching up. What a treat it was to reconnect with an old friend, and long-time FCBA member.

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

Diane Holland, FCBA President 2023-2024

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CLE Seminars

Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future?

The FCBA International Telecommunications, Wireless Telecommunications, and Space and Global Communications Committees will co-sponsor a CLE on Wednesday, February 14 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET entitled The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future? This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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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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 Elina Gross at **elina@ 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.

Click here to register.

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Agenda

The seminar will include keynote remarks from the Head of the United States Delegation to WRC-23, as well as reflections from Delegation members, and a preview of topics that will be discussed during the WRC-27 cycle.

2:00 – 2:05 p.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2:05 – 2:25 p.m. LOOKING BACK AT WRC-23 AND AHEAD TO WRC-27 WITH THE HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION

Speaker:

Steve Lang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, U.S. Department of State

2:25 – 3:10 p.m. WRC-23 – REFLECTIONS FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION

The panel will feature members of the U.S. Delegation to WRC-23, representing both government and industry stakeholders, who will discuss what happened on the ground at the conference. Topics will include the priorities for the U.S. Delegation going into the Conference, what was achieved, and any surprises or observations based on the proceedings.

Moderator:

Pascale Dumit, Director, International Spectrum Policy, T-Mobile

Speakers:

Charles Glass, International Spectrum Policy Division, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA **Ethan Lucarelli**, Chief, Office of International Affairs, FCC **Daudeline Meme**, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Federal Regulatory & Legal Affairs, Verizon **Chris Hofer**, International Team Lead - Regulatory Affairs, Amazon Project Kuiper

Kelly O'Keefe, ITU Team Lead, U.S. Department of State

3:10 – 4:00 p.m. WHAT'S NEXT IN '27

The panel will discuss the agenda items tee'd up for WRC-27 and the key priorities that need to be addressed to advance U.S. interests domestically and abroad.

Moderator:

Noah Cherry, Director, Regulatory Counsel, Mangata Networks

Speakers:

Jennifer Manner, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Echostar Corporation

Tricia Paoletta, Partner, HWG LLP Michael Mullinix, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA George John, Associate, Hogan Lovells Kimberly Baum, Vice President Engineering, One Web

Thursday, February 29, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET SCOTUS Takes Up Content Moderation & Big Tech Deals with the Digital Markets Act

The FCBA Emerging Issues in Technology Committee will sponsor a CLE on Thursday, February 29 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET entitled SCOTUS Takes Up Content Moderation & Big Tech Deals with the Digital Markets Act. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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Agenda

12:00 – 12:10 p.m. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

12:10 – 1:05 p.m. SCOTUS TAKES UP CONTENT MODERATION

(Speakers to be announced)

The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral argument on February 26, 2024 in NetChoice, et al. v. Paxton and Moody v. NetChoice, et al., cases testing the constitutionality of laws enacted in Florida and Texas that prescribe certain content moderation practices on online platforms and require those platforms to provide individualized explanations to users affected by their content moderation actions. The Court is faced with a circuit split on this question, as the Eleventh Circuit found that provisions in the Florida law violate platforms' First Amendment rights and the Fifth Circuit upheld the Texas law and rejected the Eleventh Circuit's constitutional analysis. These cases have drawn scores of amicus briefs and the Court's decision is expected to shape how the First Amendment is applied in the digital age. Our panel of experts will discuss the issues from both sides, including whether large social media companies should be considered common carriers, and will read the tea leaves left by the Justices' questions at oral argument. The panel also will address the possible implications of the Court's decision.

1:05 – 2:00 p.m. BIG TECH DEALS WITH THE DIGITAL MARKETS ACT

(Speakers to be announced)

In the second panel, we will shift to a discussion of the European Union's Digital Markets Act, under which six companies (Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, ByteDance, Meta, and Microsoft) have been designated as gatekeepers with durable market positions in digital sectors. As the compliance date of March 6, 2024 for them nears, companies are beginning to release their plans for compliance. Panelists will cover how gatekeepers have already responded, compliance burdens, future enforcement, and potential implications for the U.S. market.

Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 – 3:15 p.m. ET 18th Annual FCBA/ ABA Privacy and Data Security Symposium "Emerging Privacy and Security Approaches in Action"

The FCBA Privacy and Data Security Committee and the American Bar Association's Forum on Communications Law will co-sponsor a CLE on Wednesday, March 13 from 12:00 – 3:15 p.m. ET entitled the 18th Annual FCBA/ABA Privacy and Data Security Symposium "Emerging Privacy and Security Approaches in Action." This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

A flurry of new state laws—including 13 comprehensive privacy laws and counting—has marked the beginning of another pivotal phase for the privacy world. Meanwhile, agencies at both federal and state levels have renewed their focus on high-risk processing activities, consumer choice, and protection of sensitive data. This evolving regulatory landscape—combined with growing opportunities in Artificial Intelligence and other digital technologies—urge companies to re-examine how they should approach privacy and security compliance in 2024 and beyond.

This compliance-driven event will highlight industry experience in coping with these challenges and explore strategies for staying ahead of the latest developments.

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Agenda

THE CCPA IN ACTION: A DISCUSSION WITH LISA KIM ABOUT THE CPPA'S WORK TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE CCPA

Speaker:

Lisa Kim, Senior Privacy Counsel and Advisory, California Privacy Protection Agency

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

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Moderator:

Qiusi Y. Newcom, Associate, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

SESSION I: DATA PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS -LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS AND PRACTICAL TIPS

Companies are well-acquainted with data privacy impact assessments (DPIAs), which have long been features of mature privacy programs. But in this developing legal and regulatory landscape, companies are now facing DPIA requirements for certain types of processing. Which laws impose DPIA obligations and under what circumstances? How do the various DPIA requirements compare to each other? How should companies leverage existing DPIA processes to meet compliance requirements? Join this panel to explore developments in privacy and AI legal frameworks, and practical tips on how to keep up.

SESSION II: CONSUMER CHOICE UNDER EMERGING PRIVACY LAWS

New privacy laws and regulations approach consumer choice in a variety of ways. From opt-in consent requirements to opt-out rights and mechanisms, companies face an array of consumer choice requirements depending on the data at issue and the purposes of processing. Join this panel to learn about the patchwork of obligations under both federal and state law, and to discuss the latest developments in practical implementation of consumer choice requirements, including developments related to universal opt-out mechanisms under new state laws and regs.

SESSION III: NAVIGATING THE PATCHWORK OF CYBER AND BREACH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In an era of increasing cyber threats, companies must stay informed of the evolving legal landscape of cyber and data breach requirements. While required windows of time within which to provide notifications are becoming shorter, the collection of government regulators and stakeholders to which notifications must be submitted continue to grow ever larger. Just in the past year, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Federal Communications Commission (FCC). the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) all made significant strides in creating new breach notification rules for their respective covered entities each with different criteria for when notifications must be made as well as different timetables for such notifications. In this panel, industry experts will dissect the complexities of navigating this increasingly intricate patchwork. From understanding the aforementioned regulatory updates, and state-specific breach notification laws, to exploring the art of timely and effective breach notifications, our panelists will provide practical insights and strategies to help legal professionals safeguard their clients' interests.

Speakers TBD

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Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. ET Enforcement 101: The FCC's Administrative Hearing Process

The **FCBA Enforcement Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday**, **April 2 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. ET** entitled Enforcement 101: The FCC's Administrative Hearing Process. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Attendees will learn about the process directly from the FCC's Administrative Law Judge, and will hear from appellate practitioners on the potential impact on the FCC from the Supreme Court case *SEC v. Jarkesy* —a case regarding the legality of administrative enforcement proceedings.

Speakers: Jane Hinckley Halprin, Administrative Law Judge, FCC; **Jason E. Neal**, Partner, HWG LLP; **Thomas M. Johnson, Jr.**, Partner, Wiley; *Additional Speakers TBD*

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on telecom issues and great networking opportunities. The agenda already includes (tentative) multiple FCC Commissioners and their Chiefs of Staff. key White House staff, and senior NTIA leadership. Look for further program details in the coming weeks!

Important Room Reservation Information: The FCBA special group rate will only be guaranteed through MONDAY, MARCH 11. After this date, it is likely that the room rates will increase.

Reservations Online: You may make reservations online by accessing the following link https://www.omnihotels. com/hotels/homestead-virginia/ meetings/fcba-04222024. This link will direct guests straight to the FCBA reservation site.

Rooms for government employees are available at per diem rates. Contact Kerry Loughney (kerry@fcba.org) for more information. Please reserve your rooms now!

Click here to REGISTER for the Annual Seminar.

For information on the government stipends being offered, see page 10.

Click here to SPONSOR the Annual Seminar.



For a list of the current Annual Seminar sponsors, see below.

The social side of the seminar will begin with a reception Friday evening followed by our traditional family BBQ dinner. Following dinner, attendees will have an opportunity to compete for unique prizes at the always popular Bingo Party. Later in the evening the FCBA's Club Karaoke will provide the opportunity for one and all to showcase their singing talents for their colleagues, families, and friends. Saturday will open with our breakfast buffet. Saturday afternoon will feature FCBA golf and tennis, in addition to a few activities still being organized. Saturday evening will feature a reception followed by a dinner buffet and evening activity. Sunday morning the seminar closes with a breakfast buffet.

***We are aware that the Annual Seminar falls during Passover. If you have any special requests or dietary restrictions, please contact Kerry Loughney (kerry@ fcba.org).

ABOUT THE HOMESTEAD

The Omni Homestead Resort has been delighting vacationers-including 23 U.S. presidents-for over 250 years. A \$145 million renovation aims to restore historic character to this Allegheny Mountain destination, from the Great Hall to the guest rooms and the bathhouses at the iconic Warm Springs Pools.

Located across more than 2,000 acres

of scenic Virginia landscape, the resort **Thanks to the Annual Seminar Sponsors!** is accessible by both train and car from DC and provides timeless comforts and access to an exciting array of activities

for families, couples, individuals, and colleagues. The resort also has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

The one-of-a-kind resort in Hot Springs, VA features a two-acre water park and top-ranked **golf courses**, including the nation's oldest first tee in continuous use. Deepen the experience with a soothing massage at The Spa at Omni Homestead.

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GETTING THERE

The Homestead is about 4 hours from DC by car. For those that don't have cars or prefer not to drive, **Hot Springs is also accessible by convenient train service**. If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Courtney Tolerico (**cftolerico@gmail.com**).

ACTIVITIES AT THE OMNI HOMESTEAD

The Spa at the Homestead is an expansive, state-of-the-art facility for guests to experience wellness activities, decadent treatments, and unique features, including the Aqua Thermal Suite and a yearround, adults-only Spa Garden. For appointments, please call (800) 838-1766. *Appointments are sure to book up quickly, so call as soon as possible to guarantee your reservation.*

Outdoor Activities at the Homestead can be as leisurely or as fast paced as you desire. There is something for everyone, including golf, miniature golf, ziplining, horseback riding and carriage rides, a shooting club, fly fishing, miles of scenic hiking trails, falconry, Segway tours, kayaking and canoeing, paintball, archery,



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government public service in selecting the individual to be honored. In addition, the FCBA will view favorably nominees who have demonstrated service, dedication, and generosity of spirit in their careers. Nominations (1,000 words or less) should include the following information: (1) full name, title, work address and contact information of the nominee; (2) summary of the nominee's outstanding service and/or achievements; (3) a narrative explanation of the nominee's service including the following information: how the nominee's dedication to excellence and public service is outstanding, significant, and "above and beyond the call of duty;" the length of the government service; and any other relevant information, such as a history of mentoring, that would assist the award committee in evaluating the nomination.

Please submit nominations by email to kerry@fcba.org. Nominations are due no later than Friday, March 15, 2024.

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The resort also features a family game area with mini bowling, a pool table, shuffleboard, air hockey, and arcade games; a nightly movie shown in the theatre; and Southern Social Hour where guests can enjoy a special treat created by the pastry chef along with a selection of

hot and iced teas from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. each afternoon.

KIDSCLUB AND BABYSITTING

The Omni Homestead provides special activities for your children while you are in the seminar sessions, at the spa, playing golf, or just enjoying the tranquility of the resort. To learn more about KidsClub, **click here**.





Fifth Annual WOMEN'S SUMMIT SERIES

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day event on **Wednesday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m. ET** at the AT&T Forum, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Session II will feature a luncheon followed by a fireside chat with **Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel**; conversations with established and emerging leaders who have played pivotal roles in the development of communications, media, and technology law and policy; break-out sessions; and an end-of-day reception to celebrate our achievements and connect with old friends and new.

There is a limited capacity for these events. Register today!

<u>Click here to REGISTER for the Women's</u> <u>Summit Series Sessions I and/or II.</u>

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To honor just a few of the many women who have made historic and indelible contributions in technology, media, and telecommunications, sponsorship of the Fifth Annual Women's Summit Series is available at four levels:

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- **Katherine Johnson** (NASA mathematician): \$2,500 (includes 2 registrations for both events in the series)
- Ada Lovelace (visionary computer programmer): \$1,250 (includes 1 registration for both events in the series)
- **Emma Nutt** (first woman telephone operator): \$500

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(as of 2/7/24)

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Cybersecurity Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn **Date/Time:** Friday, February 23, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. ET **Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** Tips and Tricks for Mitigating Third-Party Vendor Security Risks <u>Click here to register</u>.

Emerging Issues in Technology Committee

Event: CLE Seminar **Date/Time:** Thursday, February 29, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** SCOTUS Takes Up Content Moderation & Big Tech Deals with the Digital Markets Act

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 4**.

Click here to register.

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Enforcement Committee

Event: CLE Seminar Date/Time: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. ET Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform Topic: Enforcement 101: The FCC's Administrative Hearing Process 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 6. Click here to register.

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Engineering and Technical Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn **Date/Time:** Thursday, March 28, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Location: In-Person: Jenner & Block; 1099 New York Avenue, NW; Suite 900, Washington, DC: Virtual: Link to follow

Topic: Understanding the Table of Allocations. This Lunch & Learn will review the International and Domestic Table of Allocations that identifies the uses and limits on radio spectrum between 9 kHz and 300 GHz. This

Annual Seminar Stipends Available for Government Employees

To promote the goal of broad attendance and boost participation from government employees, the FCBA is offering up to 10 Annual Seminar stipends of \$160.00. The stipends will reduce the government registration fee from \$260 to \$100. The registration fee covers meals, entertainment, and attendance at the seminar.

Stipend recipients will be responsible for the government registration fee of \$100 and all other costs of attending the Seminar, including travel and lodging expenses.

Stipends will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are urged to apply early.

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- Stipends are available to full-time government members.
- Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The cut-off date for applications is Friday, March 1, 2024.
- Stipends may be applied only toward the registration fee for the 2024 FCBA Annual Seminar. Individuals receiving stipends are responsible for the remainder of the government registration fee (\$100), and all other costs of attending the seminar, including travel and lodging expenses.

<u>Click here</u> for the application and email to Janeen Wynn at janeen@fcba.org

session will explore the major allocations and a few hidden gems to help you better understand the Table of Allocations and its implications for wireless communications.

Lunch will not be provided for in-person attendees.

<u>Click here to attend in person</u>. <u>Click here to attend virtually</u>.

International Telecommunications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Wireless Telecommunications and Space and Global Communications Committees **Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future?

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 4. Click here to register.

If you have any issues, please contact Elina Gross at **elina@fcba.org**.

Midwest Chapter

Event: Lunch and Learn **Date/Time:** Monday, March 25, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. ET/12:15 – 1:30 p.m. CT **Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** Net Neutrality Carousel – Perspectives on the FCC Safe and Secure Internet Proposal <u>Click here to register</u>.

Northern California Chapter

Event: Panel Discussion: Careers in Communications, Space and Tech Law **Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. PT/ 8:30 – 9:45 p.m. ET **Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** FCBA NorCal Presents: Careers in Communications, Space and Tech Law <u>Click here to register.</u>

Event: Panel Discussion: North American Panel on Satellite Policy & Regulation **Date/Time:** Monday, March 4, 5:00 – 6:20 p.m. PT/ 8:00 – 9:20 p.m. ET **Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform **Description:** The panel will offer an insightful discussion featuring representatives from key North American regulatory and policy bodies- the FCC, IFT, and ISED. Panelists will unpack the latest innovations in the satellite sector while discussing what is happening in their current regulatory frameworks. They

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will share most recent updates on regulations across North America and their insights into addressing challenges within the evolving satellite industry. The session will culminate with a 20-minute Q&A session, providing attendees with the opportunity to engage with panelists.

Click here to register.

Privacy and Data Security Committee

Event: CLE Seminar presented in association with the ABA Forum on Communications Law **Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 – 3:15 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform Topic: 18th Annual FCBA/ABA Privacy and Data Security Symposium "Emerging Privacy and Security Approaches in Action" Cost: \$245.00 for Private Sector FCBA/ABA Members; \$205.00 for FCBA/ABA Non-Profit 501c3 Members; \$125.00 for FCBA/ABA Government/Academic/Transitional/Retired Members; \$50.00 for FCBA/ABA Law Student Members; \$425.00 for Non-Members For more information: See page 5.

Click here to register.

If you have any issues, please contact Elina Gross at **elina@fcba.org**.

Space and Global Communications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the International Telecommunications and Wireless Telecommunications Committees

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future?

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 4. <u>Click here to register</u>.

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Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the International Telecommunications and Space and Global Communications Committees **Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future? **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 4. Click here to register.

If you have any issues, please contact Elina Gross at **elina@fcba.org**.

Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Happy Hour **Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 27, 5:00 –

8:00 p.m. ET **Location:** The Square (1850 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006)

The YLC invites all FCBA members to join us at International Square for our February social gathering! The Square is a spacious indoor food and drink hall located in the Farragut West area with different acoustic musicians playing every Tuesday night. Come warm up from the cold with some good tunes and good libations. You won't want to miss out on this unique event!

Click here to RSVP.

Event: Co-Chair Election **Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform **Topic:** The Young Lawyers Committee is seeking nominations for the upcoming Co-Chair election. The newly elected Co-Chair will be working with Courtney Tolerico for the 2024-2025 event year to plan the annual charity auction and all other YLC events and activities. The YLC Co-Chair position is a three-year commitment (two years serving as a YLC Co-Chair and the third year on the Executive Committee).

We encourage all YLC Committee Members to attend this meeting to discuss the upcoming year and to vote for the new YLC Co-Chair. You must be present at the meeting to vote, no proxy votes are permitted. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but voting is limited to current YLC members. Guidelines for YLC membership are set forth in Article V, Section 15 of the **FCBA's bylaws**. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming more involved with the YLC generally, please email YLC Co-Chair Courtney Tolerico (**cftolerico@gmail.com**). <u>**Click here to register**</u>.

The Federal Communications Law Journal

The *Federal Communications Law Journal* 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.

FCBA members may now decide how they would like to receive the journal. The *FCLJ* itself will continue to be published in hard copy, however, rather than receiving hard copies as a default, we'll be distributing electronic links to the content.

For those of you who would like to receive the *FCLJ* electronically, you don't have to do anything. We will email you a link when a new issue is published. You may also visit **http://www.fclj.org/volumes/** to view archived volumes.

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- To log in to your account, <u>click here</u> or go to www.fcba.org and click the Log In button.
- Click on the link to the "Online Store" on the left side of the page.
- Click on the link to the "Federal Communications Law Journal Annual Subscription". You may also type the word Journal into the Search Bar, if needed.
- Click on "Add to Cart".
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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 Wendy Parish (wendy@fcba.org).

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Space and Global Communications Committee Lunch and Learn on January 23

The Space and Global Communications Committee held its first event of the new year, welcoming the Space Bureau leadership to discuss their initiatives and the Federal Communications Commission's Space Innovation agenda with over one hundred in-person and virtual attendees. Committee co-chairs Jennifer Manner and Gerald Adams moderated and introduced discussions on the Space Bureau's accomplishments during its inaugural year and its priorities for 2024.

Chief of the Space Bureau, Julie Kearney, emphasized a year of record development, including five major rulemakings on launch and satellite operations, processing the highest number of space and earth station applications ever recorded, and issuing the first orbital debris enforcement action. Panelists emphasized continued streamlining of applications and the newly adopted Transparency Initiative to further enhance industry awareness and guidance on its authorization procedures. Panelists also identified multiple rulemakings for 2024, including the recently adopted orbital debris and 70/80/90 GHz Orders; the just released in-space servicing, assembly and manufacturing draft



order; and forthcoming actions in the 17 GHz band, spectrum sharing between NGSO FSS systems, and next-steps to its streamlining initiative.

Attendees raised questions around streamlining processing of applications, with particular emphasis on NTIA coordination requirements and requests for experimental licenses or special temporary authority, and broader collaboration with NTIA as the agencies implement the National Spectrum Strategy and relevant WRC items. Panelists reiterated the importance of inter-agency coordination and a clear vision for supporting the space industry.



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Wireline Committee Hosts a Successful Lunch and Learn on January 30

During this FCBA Wireline Committee Lunch and Learn, the legal advisors to the Chairwoman and the Commissioners shared, among other things, great insights on the FCC's handling of items before it with a full slate of Commissioners, along with how to have effective ex parte meetings and presentations with their offices. Elizabeth Cuttner (OCH), Rashann Duvall (OCH), Lauren Garry (Commissioner Carr), Justin Faulb (Commissioner Starks), Marco Peraza (Commissioner Simington), and via video was Hayley Steffen (Commissioner Gomez) participated.



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.



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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!

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, Sarah Lambert (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, Catherine Ryan (fclj@law.gwu.edu).

FOUNDATION News

The FCBA is gearing up for its 2024 scholarship and stipend programs, which will award hundreds of thousands of dollars to outstanding high school and law school students, thanks to the generous contributions of FCBA members, industry sponsors, and others. Below are the details of the programs, including information on applications.

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Janeen Wynn at **janeen@fcba.org**.

FCBA Foundation 2024 College Scholarship Program

The FCBA Foundation College Scholarship Program provides financial assistance and laptop computers to DC public high school students to assist them in attending college. For over 28 years, the Foundation has helped almost 390 local high school students attend college with scholarship awards ranging from several thousand dollars up to \$28,000, payable over four years.

The Foundation committed nearly \$276,000 to its 2023 scholarship class via scholarships between \$8,000 and \$20,000 to graduating seniors selected because of their academic achievements and service to school and community.

The Foundation's web-based application lets interested high school seniors, who are matriculating to college next fall, apply for a scholarship online. The College Scholarship application is available at https://webportalapp.com/ sp/fcbacollegescholarship2024.

Charity Auction Beneficiary Application Now Available



Generation Hope - The 2023 Charity Auction Beneficiary

The Auction Committee is now accepting applications from local charities to be considered as a beneficiary of the 35th Annual FCBA Charity Auction. The application should be received by the FCBA by email no later than **Friday**, **April 5**, **2024**.

Click here to download the application.

The deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, February 29, 2024. The Foundation plans to conduct interviews of promising applicants in early April 2024. We will notify successful applicants regarding their scholarship awards before May 2024.

FCBA Foundation 2024 Law School Summer Stipend Program

The FCBA Foundation will award stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns through its Law School Summer Stipend Program. The program provides stipends to students from around the country who want to dedicate their time and talent over the summer to government service in areas that relate to telecommunications, media, and technology (TMT) law, including broadcasting, cable, information technology, television, telephony, satellite, and wireless. It also can include work at government/public sector entities addressing other communicationsrelated areas, including internet law and CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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FCBA Foundation: Foundation LinkedIn (FCBA Foundation) and **Twitter** (@FcbaFoundation)

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policy, privacy, cybersecurity, copyright, emerging technologies, and related policy and legal issues.

The Law School Summer Stipend Program awards stipends of up to \$7,000 and last year provided support to 10 outstanding law students. The Foundation considers funding from other sources in making award decisions and generally will adjust its stipend awards based on total funding received.

The application for the stipend will be available online from Thursday, February 1, until Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The application and deadlines can be accessed at: https://webportalapp.com/ sp/login/fcbastipend2024.

FCBA Foundation 2024 Law School Scholarship Program

The FCBA Foundation Law School Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to rising second- or third-year students currently enrolled in accredited law schools in the United States who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in TMT law. In 2023, the Foundation awarded \$4,000 scholarships to five outstanding law students. The scholarships are payable to the applicable law school in one lump sum to help the student with tuition or other educationrelated expenses.

The application for the scholarship is now available and can be accessed at https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/ fcbalawscholarship2024. The deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The Foundation plans to notify successful applicants regarding their scholarship awards by mid-May.

FCBA Foundation Scholarship and Internship Programs – Call for Volunteers!

FCBA members, we need your help! The FCBA Foundation is seeking volunteers to review applications for all three of its programs, including the College Scholarship, Law School Scholarship, and Law School Summer Internship Stipend.

Volunteers will review students' written applications and/or conduct interviews with the most promising applicants as part of the selection process. Your help is more important than ever -- we expect the number of scholarship applications to be higher than last year's record.

Please see below for additional information on each program and how to volunteer.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For over 28 years, the FCBA Foundation has provided scholarships to hundreds of DC high school and charter school graduates seeking to attend college. Last year, we awarded local students nearly \$276,000 in scholarships and laptops. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate through their applications and personal interviews that their academic achievements, service to school and community, and commitment to learning show their potential to succeed in college and make positive contributions to their communities. The first week of March we will send to each volunteer reviewer a group of applications, plus detailed reviewing and grading instructions. Reviews will be due by Monday, March 18. We then will invite the most promising candidates back for personal interviews to be held in early April. Volunteers will be contacted with interview dates once they are confirmed.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Rachel Wolkowitz at **rwolkowitz@wbklaw.com by Friday, February 23, 2024. Please indicate whether you are interested in reviewing written applications, participating in interviews of the candidates, or both!

LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AND SUMMER INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAMS

The Law School Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to rising second- or third-year students currently enrolled in accredited law schools in the United States who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in TMT law.

The Law School Summer Internship Stipend Program provides stipends to students from around the country who want to dedicate their time and talent over the summer to government service in areas that relate to TMT law.

If you would like to review applications, please email Rachel Wolkowitz at **rwolkowitz@wbklaw.com by Friday, February 23, **2024**.

Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

Sanford Williams

By: Laura Phillips

I was fortunate to be able to take some time this month to visit virtually with Sanford Williams. Sanford has worked at the Federal Communications Commission in a variety of offices and capacities since 1999 so it is fair to say he has done and seen a lot. He is currently part of the office of FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, starting there initially as a Special Advisor. However, recently he was named Deputy



Chief of Staff for the FCC. Sanford is also a Professor at UCLA Law School and a very proud and committed family guy. It was delightful to get some time with him to chat.

Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

Fun fact - I started undergraduate college when I was 15, so when I graduated with an Engineering Degree from Cornell University, I knew I was not ready to start working. Instead, I continued at Cornell to get an MBA. At that point I did work for several years in New York City. But as time went on, I determined that if I wanted to make a positive difference in the world, I could take one of two paths, either to become a lawyer or a teacher. I think you can guess which path I chose - I earned a Law School Degree from UVA. I then started working for a law firm in Atlanta.

My wife at that time was a physician in training, and we had young children when she was graduating medical school and starting a residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. As a result, staying in Georgia was not going to work for us. It was at that point that the Washington region came into my sights and after weighing the options, I am glad to say that the FCC offered a great platform for me to combine what I had learned in pursuing all my degrees. Communications law and policy was a perfect fit then for me and it continues to offer new challenges and insights all these years later.

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

A: Primarily, I have worked at the FCC for almost 25 years. I started out in the Wireline Competition Bureau in the Policy Division and our current

Chairwoman joined the Policy Division around the same time I did, so we have known one another as colleagues for quite a long time. Over the years I have worked on mergers, procurements, numbering issues and spectrum matters among other things. As Special Advisor in the Chairwoman's office I was deeply engaged in the FCC's Task Force on Digital Discrimination.

In terms of other work I've undertaken, I was a three time elected school board official in Manassas, Virginia for about 11 years, until I moved to Southern California about two and a half years ago. More recently I've become a professor at UCLA Law School where I teach one course a semester either on Telecommunications Regulation or on Administrative Law with an emphasis on Communications. I also coached high school girls basketball for 2 years during my time at the FCC.

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

Not at all. I never anticipated being at the FCC for so long and getting to work on so many meaningful issues, running for public office or teaching at a law school. But each of these experiences has influenced who I am and here we are.

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

As a professor, the most interesting and challenging thing I have done is finding a way to relate to students. Telling them what I do day-to-day is easy. Conveying it in a manner that is insightful, useful, understandable, and relatable, while showing compassion for them and their experience, has been interesting, challenging, exhilarating and unbelievably rewarding. I've also enjoyed having various colleagues and industry friends participate in my teaching, offering their own insights and perspectives to my students; that has been really interesting and enriching.

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

A: There have been tons of interesting things and lots of impressive people I have interacted with at the FCC and at UCLA. I have known the Chairwoman for over 20 years and she has been amazing. And because you gave me limited space, I will shout out a few more folks, my college roommate at Cornell and FCC colleague for over 20 years, Rodney McDonald, he is the epitome of an excellent government worker; Ann Berkowitz, whom I worked with for years on numbering issues and touched me by mentioning our friendship in a previous newsletter column; and my mentees whom I talk to the most, Kiara Ortiz, Kimia Nikseresht, Jaime McCo, Roxanna Barboza, and Celia Lewis, all phenomenal people and impressive TMT attorneys. I have literally dozens of other mentees and colleagues (including current FCBA President Diane Holland, Narda Jones, D'wana Terry, Mindy Ginsburg, Mark Stephens, Mikelle Morra, Dana Bradford, Marlene Dortch, Alex Johns, Gina Perini, Darlene Biddy, Brenda Villanueva, Michelle Sclater, Ann Stevers, Marilyn Jones, Jodie May, Erica Myers, Romanda Williams, Vickie Robinson) I could mention, so I apologize for the many people I left out.



Anything about sports, romantic comedies, various fiction books, biographies, and books dealing with the law, equity and justice. So, lots of stuff. \bigcirc

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

I will give you a couple. I have 3 grandchildren (ages 3, 1, and almost 1) which is still surreal to me but of course in an incredibly good way. And I love watching sports, including college sports, especially all things UVA, Cornell and UCLA Women's basketball (shoutout to Coach Cori Close who has become a good friend).

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?

Don't ever think you know everything. This is a dynamic field, so it is incredibly important that you have the attitude of being a lifelong learner. Also, I find that you can learn so much from others by observing them in all kinds of professional situations so I would counsel people starting out to seek out mentors and watch how they handle all kinds of situations. Finally, everyone has value and should be treated with respect. Listen more than you talk. Be authentic.

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

My life changed unbelievably because of the pandemic. It led my wife Anastasia, and me to move to Southern California, and resulted in me teaching at UCLA Law School, which has been so enriching and rewarding that I would almost do it for free (note I said almost \mathfrak{S}). Also, to combat any feelings of being disconnected in the early days of the shutdown, I started a daily quote list that I shared with FCC colleagues. I have continued it and it now has over 300 people on it (inside and outside of the Commission). It is sometimes funny and other times quite moving to see the reactions to some of the quotes I have picked. For example, one quote

on mental health still resonates with me and with some of my faithful audience: "you are not required to set yourself on fire to keep others warm."

While it has always been a part of who I am, the COVID experience highlighted again my drive to have a discernibly positive impact on everyone I work with, on all my students, and my friends and family. And hopefully make a positive difference in the lives of the citizens we serve through our work at the FCC.

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

I am not sure. I know that I participated when I started at the FCC, and I took some time off as my three kids (now 34, 32 and 24 years old – hey Kiara, Sanford and Nia) grew up and all

graduated from UVA. Then I hopped back in when I had more time. The FCBA has been immeasurably valuable to me for networking, learning more about TMT, connecting with folks in our industry on a personal level and making lifelong friendships. While there is a range of great programming and other initiatives, I am especially appreciative of the Diversity Pipeline Program. Finally, I have to add that I truly appreciate my friend, Kerry Loughney, the executive director of the FCBA, who does so much behind the scenes to make the FCBA Tech Bar the best Bar.

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

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Counsel, Franchising/Regulatory Policy -

Altice USA - Long Island City, New York, NY or Washington D.C. – The Counsel, Franchising/ Regulatory Policy is responsible for legal/ regulatory policy support on local and state facilities and service authorizations. The portfolio includes management of all rights of way authorizations (whether held at the local or state level), including cable franchises covering more than 1300 communities, telecom/broadband authorizations, and local permitting requirements across the Company's footprint. The position will report to the Senior Vice President, Government Affairs & Policy.

The position will be based either at corporate headquarters in Long Island City, NY, or in Altice's Washington, DC offices, with substantial time in the corporate headquarters required.

Responsibilities

- Counsel will manage and provide legal/ regulatory support to secure and maintain on favorable terms the authorizations needed from local and state franchising authorities for Altice to deploy plant and equipment and offer a broad range of services over that equipment.
- This role will manage franchise fee audits and other compliance matters related to cable franchises and other authorizations from state and local governments.
- The Counsel will assist in advising on business projects and opportunities that intersect with franchisors and other state/ local government agencies, and handle other matters as directed.
- The role will also be required to support/ assist Altice's federal and state government affairs staff on franchising/policy issues, including potential federal legislative/ regulatory changes to the franchising regime, implications of the evolution of video product offerings, and facilities authorizations other than those connected to cable service offerings.

Qualifications

- Juris Doctor and admission to at least one state bar.
- At least 5 years' experience in law firms, government or corporate positions, with

knowledge of telecommunications business, laws and regulation and state/municipal regulatory processes preferred.

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to present effectively to a wide range of audiences.
- Quick learner, with the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, for several internal clients.
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Deputy Division Chief, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, Office of International Affairs, Federal Communications Commission (GS-15) – The FCC's Office of International Affairs, Telecommunications and Analysis Division seeks a qualified attorney to fill a position for Deputy Division Chief.

As Deputy Division Chief, the incumbent participates and shares fully with the Division Chief the planning, directing, and coordinating of all phases of the work of the Division, with a concentration on matters relating to international section 214 authorizations, submarine cable landing licenses, foreign ownership issues, and rulemaking proceedings. The incumbent's responsibilities include managing, conducting, and participating in rulemaking proceedings to develop international telecommunications policy; addressing petitions for reconsideration; processing and assessing applications and requests for authorizations and licenses under the applicable Commission rules; reporting on international telecommunications markets and relevant international issues; and representing the Commission or leading delegations at international telecommunications conferences and meetings.

The incumbent serves as a high-level legal and policy advisor to the OIA Chief on international telecommunications-related matters for which the Division has responsibility. The incumbent participates in continuing discussions with OIA management concerning policy objectives and initiatives, legal issues, and the implementation of policy. The incumbent provides definitive interpretations of rules and regulations, comments on proposed legislation, and initiates rulemaking activities appropriate to functions.

The incumbent assists the Division Chief in all aspects of management activities, such as developing long-range plans for accomplishment of Division functions. Additionally, the incumbent determines scope and extent of programs to be undertaken within overall mission and proportion of total resources provided to be devoted to individual program activities, and advises the Division Chief on development of policies and priorities of the Division and disseminates the same to subordinates. The incumbent also keeps apprised on matters of concern to OIA and the Commission and takes action to reorder priorities or to expedite work process to meet critical needs. The incumbent develops resource requirements, justifications, and coordinates resources from other Bureaus and Offices, such as the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA). Further, the incumbent continuously evaluates progress of operations through discussions with subordinates and review of reports and documents and adjusts resources to improve effectiveness of operations. The incumbent develops methods for increasing efficiency and reducing regulatory delay and burden on industry and public.

The incumbent assists the Division Chief in direction of work operations. The incumbent directs, through subordinate managers, as well as team leaders/issue group leaders, the work of the Division. The incumbent defines areas of responsibility, establishes Division priorities, and disseminates to subordinates. Further, the incumbent reviews work and makes definitive decisions on legal and highly sensitive matters under delegated authority. The incumbent also reviews and makes recommendations to the Division and/or OIA Chief on those matters requiring decision by the OIA Chief and/or Commission.

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Deputy General Counsel – The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) seeks a qualified attorney to fill a position in the Legal & Regulatory Affairs department. The Deputy

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General Counsel is responsible for developing and advancing NAB's policy goals with federal agencies, the Executive branch and federal and state courts. While the role spans the wide variety of policy issues that concern radio and television broadcasters, the Deputy General Counsel will focus on leading industry efforts on NextGen TV as well as on the wide array of spectrum matters implicating broadcasters. The position involves significant interaction with attorneys, engineers, government relations advocates and other staff at NAB, radio and television members and personnel at the FCC and other government agencies.

Essential Functions

- Work with engineering and business teams to develop regulatory and policy positions
- Draft memoranda, comments in regulatory proceedings and briefs
- Interact with policymakers
- Prepare and review advocacy materials
- Analyze legislation
- Plan and participate in industry events and programs
- Address NAB member inquiries about legal issues
- Other duties as assigned

Required Education and Experience

- Juris Doctorate and 8-10 years of related experience
- Demonstrated legal writing and research skills
- Excellent written and verbal oral communication skills

Preferred Experience

 Experience in broadcast, wireless, satellite, cable, emerging technologies and/or appellate litigation.

The National Association of Broadcasters is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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2.24.4

Paralegal with Secretarial Duties – Small well established recognized D.C. communications law firm seeking a paralegal/secretary with experience in preparing and filing FCC broadcast applications and related documents. Health Insurance and retirement plan are available and salary will vary with experience. This is a blind box ad. Please send a resume or summary of experience along with employment history and references to **kerry@ fcba.org** and the materials will be forwarded.

2.24.5

Senior Director, Public Policy & Government

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The Senior Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs is responsible for providing leadership, oversight, coordination and execution of industry research, standards, regulations, and activities. This leader will work closely with engineering, business development, number administration services, and customer engagement, to define, develop and implement solutions and strategies to engage and further deepen the relationships between Somos, regulators, and the industry. The successful candidate will provide a bridge between the global, Federal, and state and industry bodies. The Senior Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs plays a key role developing strategic alliances to drive increased adoption and extensibility of Somos' administrative services and products. This role must ensure that all activities are aligned with the mission and vision of Somos, and in compliance with regulatory oversight.

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2.24.6

Trial Attorney(s) – The Federal Communications Commission is looking to hire up to two attorneys in the Litigation Division of the agency's Office of General Counsel. The FCC has independent litigating authority to defend its orders in the federal appellate courts; the Litigation Division has a highly skilled and collegial group of appellate specialists who carry out that work. The Division's docket includes a wide range of complex and interesting matters, involving all aspects of communications law and often featuring cutting-edge questions of constitutional or administrative law. The available positions offer highly motivated candidates a rewarding opportunity for government service involving challenging legal work in a flexible work environment.

Individuals hired would be responsible for representing the Commission in a variety of matters, primarily in the federal appellate courts but also, on occasion, in the federal trial courts and other tribunals. Among other things, the individuals hired will have primary responsibility for merits briefing in appellate matters and regular opportunities to present oral argument. There will also be opportunities to work in cooperation with the Office of the Solicitor General on matters before the U.S. Supreme Court that implicate the FCC's interests, and with the Department of Justice on various trial-level matters. This position is at the GS-15 level.

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Calendar

February 9-10	30th Annual National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition
February 13	SESSION I Women's Summit
February 14	CLE: The 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference: What happened and what does it mean for the future?
February 20	Northern California Chapter Panel Discussion
February 23	Cybersecurity Committee Lunch and Learn
February 27	Young Lawyers Committee Happy Hour
February 29	CLE: SCOTUS Takes Up Content Moderation & Big Tech Deals with the Digital Markets Act
March 4	Northern California Panel Discussion: North American Panel on Satellite Policy & Regulation
March 6	SESSION II Women's Summit: Investing in Innovative and Inclusive Leaders
March 13	The 18th Annual FCBA/ABA Privacy and Data Security Symposium presented by the FCBA Privacy and Data Security Committee and the ABA Forum on Communications Law
March 20	Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Election
March 25	Midwest Chapter Lunch and Learn
March 28	Engineering and Technical Committee Lunch and Learn
April 2	CLE Seminar: Enforcement 101: The FCC's Administrative Hearing Process
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