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Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

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FCBA Newly Confirmed Commissioners Reception to be held on April 4

The FCBA is pleased to announce that it will be holding a reception to meet and greet newly confirmed **FCC Commissioners Carr, Starks, and Gomez** on **Thursday, April 4** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Gold and Silver sponsorships of the reception are available for \$800 and \$500 and include registrations to the reception. In addition, sponsors will receive recognition for their

support, including being listed in the FCBA newsletter, on the website, and in emails. Individual tickets to the reception also may be purchased.

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Omni Homestead Resort

2024 FCBA Annual Seminar to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort on April 26-28 Reserve Your Room by March 18

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 on telecom issues and great networking opportunities. The agenda already includes **FCC Commissioners Simington, Carr, and Gomez**, Legal Advisors from each Office, key

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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 Matthey, 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 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

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Upcoming Key Events

Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 12, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ET
Topic: Meet Leaders of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
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18th Annual FCBA/ABA Privacy and Data Security Symposium

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET
Topic: Emerging Privacy and Security Approaches in Action
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Intellectual Property Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, March 18, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Topic: Copyright Law and Artificial Intelligence
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Wireline Committee and Regional Chapters CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
Topic: FCC's Recent Digital Discrimination Order and FNPRM and Related State Activities
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Midwest Chapter Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Monday, March 25, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. ET/12:15 – 1:30 p.m. CT
Topic: Net Neutrality Carousel – Perspectives on the FCC Safe and Secure Internet Proposal
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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
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PRESIDENT'S Message

DEAR FCBA MEMBERS,

It is the first week of March and today the temperature hit 60 degrees. Unlike my neighbor, I'm not quite ready to pull out the shorts and flip-flops, but I cannot help but feel excitement about an early Spring. And I will happily lose one hour of sleep to daylight saving time to gain (in theory anyway) the ability to leave the office while the sun is still out. On the other hand, I can't help but be a little sad that the unseasonably warm weather is a warning sign that we all need to be kinder to our planet so it stays livable for our children and generations to come. But I'm getting a little ahead of myself; next month is when we celebrate the 55th annual Earth Day.

Speaking of annual events, Session I of our Women's Summit was one for the books! Full of drama (last minute panelist drop out) and suspense (would we have a keynote speaker?), and even a plot twist (the panelists were old friends). My sincere thanks to Chanelle Hardy and Google, who donated the space and catering for the reception; DC Court of Appeals Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby; keynote speaker Francella Ochillo; panelists Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins and Interim Dean Lisa Crooms-Robinson; and of course the Women's Leadership Committee, especially Mia Guizzetti Hayes and emcee Belen Crisp. THANK YOU to our sponsors for also supporting Session II, "Investing in Innovative and Inclusive Leaders" held March 6th at the AT&T Forum.

Last month I also teamed up with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Commissioner Gomez's Chief of Staff Deena Shetler to serve as final round judges for the 30th Annual National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition, where we heard arguments from two stellar law school student teams. My thanks to Lee Petro and the Moot Court Committee for the months of work that went into choosing a topic, writing bench briefs and background materials, and organizing the competition. And congratulations to the New York University School of Law team for taking first place.

I also joined Texas Chapter Co-Chairs Davina Sashkin and Jessica Nyman in the Greune (pronounced "Green") historic district on the Guadalupe River, where we dined on the house specialty chicken-fried steak (delicious, but a mistake mid-afternoon when you have more than an hour-long drive back to your hotel) and talked about the challenges of engaging FCBA members located in different parts of the state.

There's lots on tap for the month of March and beyond, so be sure to check out our [events page](#) for details on what the DC Voluntary Bar of the Year has in the works. And don't forget to [register](#) and book your room for the Annual Seminar April 26-28 at the Omni Homestead.

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

Diane Holland, FCBA President 2023-2024



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Nominations Committee Presents FY2025 Slate of Candidates

Pursuant to Article V, Section 21 of the Association's By-Laws, the FCBA Nominations Committee has nominated the persons set forth below as candidates for the positions shown for terms beginning July 1, 2024. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, this year the membership will elect a President-Elect, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer, a Chapter Representative for a two-year term, three (3) individuals to the Executive Committee for three-year terms, three (3) individuals to the Nominations Committee for two-year terms, and four (4) individuals as Trustees of the FCBA Foundation for three-year terms.

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Pursuant to the By-Laws, current President-Elect **Kathy Kirby** will become President on July 1, 2024, and **Thaila**

Sundaresan will serve a second year as a Chapter Representative.

As of July 1, 2024, Jennifer Schneider would have one year remaining on her elected term on the Executive Committee. However, she has been nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary. Under the By-Laws, if a vacancy occurs with respect to any elected member of the Executive Committee, the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint an individual to serve until the next election, at which time the membership shall elect an individual to fill the unexpired portion of the term. In accordance with the By-laws, Kathy Kirby, upon becoming President, will appoint an individual to serve on the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy and will present that appointment to the incoming Executive Committee for their approval. As the term of the vacated seat is scheduled to expire June 30, 2025, the same time that the next election results would take effect, there will be no need for a subsequent special election to fill the seat.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 21(c) of the By-Laws, additional nominations of candidates for the positions listed above may be made by Petition. The signatures of at least twenty-five (25) members of the FCBA must support each candidate nominated by Petition. Nominating Petitions must be submitted no later than April 6, 2024 to Kerry Loughney, FCBA Executive Director, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036 or kerry@fcba.org.

Election materials and instructions for electronic voting will be sent to all members eligible to vote around May 1, 2024. The election results will be announced during the FCBA Annual Meeting.

Special thanks to members of this year's Nominations Committee: **Barry Ohlson (Chair)**, **Paula Boyd**, **Jared Carlson**, **Elizabeth Cuttner**, **Kyle Dixon**, **Erin Dozier**, **Yosef Getachew**, **Kara Graves**, **Kathy Kirby**, **Sarah Leggin**, **Madi Lottenbach**, **Nirali Patel**, and **Michael Scurato**.

Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 – 3:30 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 – 3:30 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.

The FCBA will apply for 3.5 hours of MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has not yet been approved.

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If you are an ABA Forum on Communications Law member or have any issues with registration, please contact Elina Gross at elina@fcba.org.

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Agenda

12:00 – 12:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

12:05 – 12:35 p.m.

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

Moderator:

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

12:35 – 1:25 p.m.

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.

Panelists:

Jordan Francis, Elise Berkower Fellow - Future of Privacy Forum

Maya A. McKenzie, Senior Counsel (Tech Policy), Entertainment Software Association

Yael Weinman, Vice President and Associate General Counsel – Privacy, Verizon

Moderator:

Kat Scott, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

1:25 – 1:30 p.m.

BREAK

1:30 – 2:20 p.m.

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 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.

Panelists:

Karl Gerner, Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile

Sara Geoghegan, Counsel, Electronic Privacy Information Center

Sabrina Khandwalla, VP, Associate General Counsel, Head of North America Privacy Legal (Data, Records, Cyber and AI), Visa

Moderator:

Jennifer Dukarski, Shareholder, Butzel Long

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2:20 – 2:35 p.m.

SESSION IIIA: CPNI BREACH NOTIFICATION DEVELOPMENTS

In this session, we will have an FCC representative provide a brief overview of the FCC's recent proceeding on data breach notifications.

Speaker:

Zach Ross, Assistant Division Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

2:35 – 3:25 p.m.

SESSION IIIB: 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, experts will dissect the complexities of navigating the increasingly intricate patchwork of data breach notification requirements. From understanding the aforementioned regulatory updates 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.

Panelists:

John Gasparini, Of Counsel, Paul Hastings, LLP

Justin Perkins, Director, Cybersecurity & Policy, CTIA

Sarah Geffroy, Assistant Vice President – Senior Legal Counsel, AT&T

Ronnie Solomon, Attorney, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, FTC

Moderator:

James Park, Senior Counsel, Security and Technology, Appian

3:25 – 3:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 18, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET Copyright Law and Artificial Intelligence

The **FCBA Intellectual Property Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, March 18 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET** entitled Copyright Law and Artificial Intelligence. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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Don't miss this tour! Registration is now open for the 40th Annual **Representing Your Local Broadcaster** program, to be held **Sunday, April 14, 2024** at The Wynn Conference Center in Las Vegas.

For more information about the program and to register, visit the ABA Forum on Communications Law website [here](https://www.abaforum.com).

Questions? Contact Kathleen Kirby kkirby@wiley.law or Josh Pila josh.pila@gray.tv.

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Artificial Intelligence's (AI) continued development and rise is increasingly touching more and more use cases, and driving debate on the practical, legal, and policy fronts. Notably, policymakers have focused on U.S. copyright law and policy issues raised by AI technology, including the scope of copyright in works generated using AI tools, the use of copyrighted materials in AI training, and who is liable for copyright violations. Where and how these questions are resolved will have an outsized impact on the trajectory of AI's development and uses.

This CLE will convene a diversity of experts to (1) provide critical background and status on where and how copyright law is intersecting with AI and (2) discuss the future of AI and copyright policy and law.

Speakers:

Kevin Bankston, Senior Advisor on AI Governance, Center for Democracy & Technology

Joe Gratz, Partner, Morrison & Foerster
Mark Gray, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, U.S.

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Priya Nair, Senior IP Counsel, ACT | The App Association

Additional Speakers TBD

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Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET FCC's Recent Digital Discrimination Order and FNPRM and Related State Activities

The **FCBA Wireline Committee** and the **FCBA Regional Chapters** will co-sponsor a CLE on **Wednesday, March 20 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET** entitled FCC's recent Digital Discrimination Order and FNPRM and related state activities. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

FCC representatives, public interest speakers, and speakers representing broadband carriers across regulated industries will provide an overview of the key takeaways from the Order and provide practical tips on implementation and compliance. The seminar will also include a multi-faceted discussion of the various appeals of the Order as well as commentary on state efforts to codify parallel state regulations.

Speakers will include representatives from the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau, the Brookings Institute, ACA, TURN, the Chamber of Commerce and law firms representing the parties to the proceedings before the FCC and the courts.

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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, will hear from practitioners who have participated in the process, 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; **Arthur V. Belendiuk**, Esq., Smithwick and Belendiuk, PC.; **Pamela S. Kane**, Special Counsel, FCC

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White House officials, and senior NTIA leadership. Look for further program details soon!

Important Room Reservation Information: The FCBA special group rate will only be guaranteed through **MONDAY, MARCH 18**. After this date, it is likely that the room rates will increase.

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A set number of rooms for government employees are available at discounted rates. Contact Kerry Loughney (kerry@fcba.org) as soon as possible for more information.

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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 golf, tennis, a Homestead gorge hike, and a cider y tasting. Saturday evening will feature a reception followed by a dinner buffet and evening activity. Sunday morning the seminar closes with a breakfast buffet.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Cascades Gorge Hike: Don't miss one of the most popular activities at the Homestead resort. On this three-hour tour, you will be led and entertained by a naturalist walking beside a series of beautiful waterfalls, through a deep,



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Allegheny Mountain gorge trail, that is one of the most picturesque trails in the region. Learn about regional and unusual flora and fauna in this semi-tropical environment, as well as the medicinal and edible properties of the many local plants. It is a 1.8 mile journey, designed for adults and children alike.

The registration fee is \$30 per person if age 16 or more, \$15 if age 4 to 15, or free if age 3 or less. Note that you will have to carry children younger than 4 and strollers are not permitted.

Troddenvale Cidery Tasting: Plan to participate in a comprehensive cider tasting with [Troddenvale](#) at Oakley Farm. This activity organized by the Young Lawyers Committee will take place Saturday at 1:30 p.m. There will be a shuttle provided for the tasting, which will leave the Omni Homestead at 1:15 p.m. Price: \$25 for tasting; \$40 for tasting + local cheese pairing. **Deadline to sign up for the tasting is 10:00 a.m. on April 24 and for the tasting + cheese pairing is April 22. Note: There is a capacity and this activity sold out in 2022, so sign up**

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early! Not interested in a tasting? Drop by the Cidery any time from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. A shuttle will run every 15 minutes between 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.

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Golf and Tennis: Participate in the golf outing and enjoy an afternoon on the Omni Homestead Resort's Old Course, completed in 1892 and distinguished as home of the nation's oldest first tee in continuous use. If you would rather play tennis, join your fellow FCBA friends in a round robin tournament!

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).

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 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.** To learn more about the Homestead and



its amenities and activities, go to: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/homestead-virginia>.

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 year-round, 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, and more. **Activities are sure to book up quickly, so call as soon as possible to guarantee your reservation.**

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.](#)

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Enforcement Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 2, 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

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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 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.*

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Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 12, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ET

Location: In-Person: Mintz, 555 12th St NW Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20004; Virtual: Link to follow

Topic: Meet Leaders of the Federal Emergency Management Agency: The Federal Emergency Management Agency in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has responsibility to support nationwide preparations and response to disasters, including overseeing Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) that coordinate the communications sector and Federal interagency response and facilitate federal, state, and local emergency alerts through the Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). *Lunch will not be provided for in-person attendees.*

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Intellectual Property Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, March 18, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Copyright Law and Artificial Intelligence

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

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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

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New England Chapter

Event: Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 26, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. ET

Location: In-Person: Verrill, 1 Federal Street, 20th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 (ID required to enter building); Virtual: Link to follow

Topic: FCBA New England Chapter Pole Attachment Lunch and Learn

Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees

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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 – 3:30 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

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Regional Chapters

Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the Wireline Committee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: FCC's Recent Digital Discrimination Order and FNPRM and Related State Activities

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

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Wireline Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the FCBA Regional Chapters

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: FCC's Recent Digital Discrimination Order and FNPRM and Related State Activities

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

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Young Lawyers Committee

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).

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RANDOMCOFFEE



- The next RandomCoffee round will be activated on March 12. A sign-up email will be sent from RandomCoffee at 2:30 pm EDT. Matches will be announced on March 15 at 5:30 pm EDT. Please sign up at any time during that window.

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

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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**.

2024-2025 Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs

President-Elect **Kathleen A. Kirby** is beginning the process of identifying FCBA Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs for this coming year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Please contact her (kkirby@wiley.law) and copy Janeen Wynn (janeen@fcba.org) by **Monday, April 22** if you are interested in serving, or would like to suggest someone else who might be interested.

Join the FCBA and FCBA Foundation on Social Media!

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Membership Contact Information

If you have any changes to your membership contact information, please contact Elina Gross (elina@fcba.org). In order to keep a cohesive look, we do not allow members to make any changes to their information themselves.

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.](#)

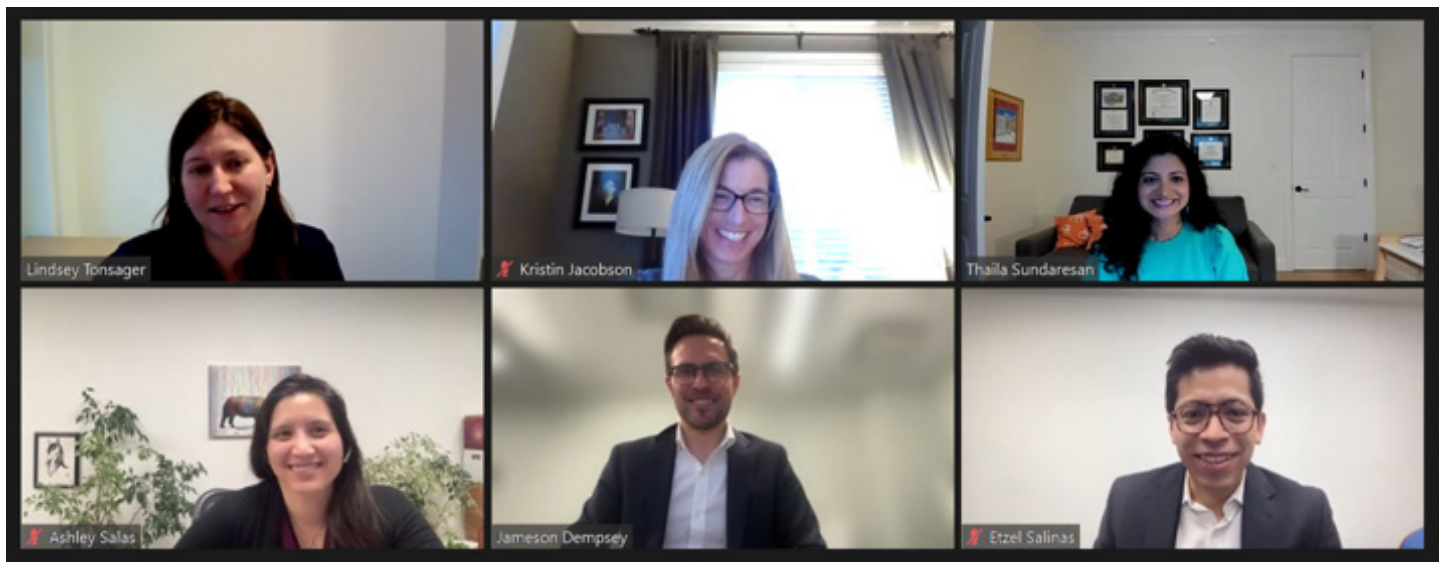
Southern California Chapter Event on January 31

On January 31, 2024, the Southern California Chapter of the FCBA hosted FCBA President Diane Holland and incoming FCBA President Kathy Kirby for an intimate dinner in Los Angeles. The dinner included FCBA members from private industry, law firms, academia, and government, along with students from UCLA Law. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow FCBA members and to encourage graduating students to get involved in the FCBA early in their TMT careers.



Northern California Chapter Event on February 20

On February 20, the Northern California chapter organized an informative career panel for law students interested in communications, tech, and space law. Panelists Jameson Dempsey of SpaceX, Lindsey Tonsager of Covington & Burling, and Ashley Salas of TURN discussed their career path, lessons learned, and more. The panel was moderated by Northern Co-Chair Thaila Sundaresan. The event comprised of a panel discussion, followed by interactive breakout rooms with the panelists. The event was a success, with over 25 people in attendance!



28th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament to be held on June 25

The FCBA Foundation will host its 28th Annual FCBA Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia, on **Tuesday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

A return to our favorite location, at 2022 prices! A familiar homestead to the FCBA Family, Westfields is known for its pristine golf course, fun layout, and welcoming facilities just a short drive from downtown DC. This is a great opportunity to not only play a fun course but also to enjoy a good time reconnecting with FCBA colleagues. Put your Eagle Foursomes together and compete for this year's cup!

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As always, all of the proceeds from the Tournament go straight to the FCBA Foundation to support its wonderful



programs, including Scholarships and Summer Legal Internships. Over the years, the Tournament has raised over \$450,000 for the FCBA Foundation charities.

Our goal and motto: “What a great concept: Do good and have fun at the same time!” We hope you can join us this year.

2024 TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- Lunch has returned!

- Shotgun start will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by a delicious post-round buffet dinner!
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available for Non-Golfers

The Golf Committee always welcomes prize donations or those interested in assisting on the Golf Committee. Contact Lee G. Petro at Lee.Petro@PillsburyLaw.com if you want to contribute or would like to help organize the event.

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.

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that the hard copy journal is free, but it must be ordered through our website.

- To log in to your account, [click here](#) 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.
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- Click on “Add to Cart”.
- Click on “Check Out”.
- Click on “Purchase Now”, and you're done!

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).

Zac Champ

By: Laura Phillips

I first met Zac Champ when he worked at WIA, the Wireless Infrastructure Association where he had a variety of positions over the years in the public policy arena. He joined the FCC in 2019 and currently is Deputy Division Chief, Consumer Policy Division in the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. It was a pleasure to catch up with Zac, nerd out on JRR Tolkien, and get his perspectives on government service, public policy, and life.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I've always been a tinkerer. As a middle-schooler, I would go to "computer fairs" with my dad, uncle, and younger brother to gather parts for our first computers. Our first computer was a 486 SX 33, something that probably had less computing power than a washing machine today. These computers would always break. Device drivers would conflict, you would have to spend hours configuring things, tweaking minute settings to get a better performance. I loved it. Later we got our first modem and I'd dial into my friend's computer to play video games. There were so many bike rides back and forth to troubleshoot, and when someone picked up the phone, forget about it! When a local internet provider started offering service, I put my allowance and lawn mowing money into the dial-up connection's subscription. Once online, I started building websites. That hobby became a small business in high school with the same friend that I'd ride my bike back and forth with, troubleshooting. Together, we would make the pitch around town that this thing called the internet was where businesses needed to be, it was the "Yellow pages" of the future. We were fairly successful, and we learned a lot!

Back then, it all felt like the Wild West. There seemed to be a huge disconnect between how the pre-internet world functioned in an ever-connecting world. The folks in tech seemed to be manifesting magic with every new release. And the questions being considered were big ones, what does online currency mean, what is an online identity, what are the rights of

content owners, what does freedom of information mean in the internet age? It was fascinating and I wanted to be a part of it.

Q: Talk a bit about what you did along the way to get where you are today.

A: In college, I put the web design company on the shelf, and while I kept up with the technology changes, I also didn't know specifically what I wanted to do. This is probably why I ended up with a Political Science degree. After graduation, I worked full time for one of my previous website clients. I built out their e-commerce site, stitched together all their inventory, accounting, and shipping systems, and put their product on Amazon as one of the first affiliates ever. It was all interesting, but I knew I did not want to do this sort of work forever.

Eventually I decided to make a big change and ended up enrolling at Syracuse College of Law in 2007. While there, I met a select-few that were also trying to work in a space where law and technology intersected. Jenn Holtz and Chris Naoum were two of the leaders of a small group that created the Communications Law & Policy Society (CLPS). From the start, CLPS tapped into the FCBA. A who's who of FCBA heavy hitters would make their way up to the cold and snow of Syracuse, NY to participate in multi-day conferences. It provided unique access for learning and mentorship. I threw myself into planning and hosting these CLPS events and it's from there I got my first internships in the communications field.

I graduated from Syracuse with a dual degree, law and a master's in public administration. But the economy at the time didn't do me any favors. The 2008 financial crisis put a hold on many of the usual entry-level hires in the field. My law school internships funneled me down to the DMV where much of the interesting tech and communications policy work was. Eventually, I ended up with a job at a technology trade association. The pay was low, but the work focused on interesting areas that included cloud computing, and cyber security.

Next, I worked at the WIA, which was then PCIA. WIA was doing more straight-ahead legal work with the FCC and other agencies. It was a small team when I started, basically one or two newly minted attorneys. However, with all that was happening in wireless, the industry matured quickly during my tenure, and there were more and more entities to engage with as time went on. By the time I had left as the head of the government affairs department, the association's revenue had tripled and the team that I led had grown to six people. It was exciting to have the opportunity to work on important federal regulations and legislation, as well as standing up a national state government affairs program active in state capitals across the country. This last part resulted in over thirty states enacting model wireless infrastructure legislation that our team crafted. It was even more rewarding to build-out a team and contribute to the culture and values of the government affairs shop. The team consistently outperformed, doing more with less than its counterparts. I am proud, but not surprised, that so many of the folks that I worked alongside with at that time have continued to go on to do amazing things.

I enjoyed what we accomplished and the people I worked with at WIA, but after the better part of a decade, I wanted to see things more directly from the public-interest side. I joined the FCC in 2019 as Chief of Staff of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. Today, I'm

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in the bureau's Consumer Policy Division (CPD), working more directly on items as they move through the agency. The FCC is a very different place than WIA, and I am working on a different subset of communications issues, but it has been very interesting. Like a startup, it can be a resource constrained environment, but it is a large organization within the even larger federal system that necessarily operates in ways that cannot be described as "nimble." On the plus side, I feel that the work we do makes a measurable, positive difference for consumers. Some of it even my mom can understand!

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

A: That's a hard one to answer. In a different world I feel I could have just as easily ended up in filmmaking, software development, or been more closely tied into the realm of politics. Looking back, I had an overall sense of where I wanted to end up, but at each turn I recall how often when you enter large academic and social settings, other people's plans and general expectations can create noise and confusion. For example, in law school, the setup is for general litigation and time in a court room. And, when you start fresh and many are already choosing to head down that path, you think, 'Why not me, I can do this.' It is not a bad thing, but it's challenging if you think you know what you want to do, and the expected path might not really play to your strengths or interests.

In looking back, now that I'm older than I could ever have imagined when I was building my first computer, there's not only a general sense of nostalgia about days gone by, but how I felt about technology was different then too. I think when I got involved in tech, there was a lot more positivity and optimism. Sure, there were the copyright and privacy fights, but there was an overarching sense that what tech was doing was providing more access and a more even playing field for all. Today, access is nearing ubiquity, but

there are new threats and costs associated with technologies that have become commonplace. In those days "On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog." Today, a bot farm using AI and an array of GPUs can deep fake their way into a regime change. I guess what I'm saying is that the journey of a life and career is long, and even if you arrive at your destination, the world keeps moving too. It's not the same place it once was so we all must continue to assess and figure things out as we go along.

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

A: I'll take most interesting first. I enjoy the opportunity to work on the issues affecting Americans in a very direct way. The work of CPD is squarely within the interest of consumers. It's an area where existing and emerging tech have both opportunities and risks. For example, how do you ensure consumers know what they are purchasing, how does a Consumer Broadband Label help with this? What does generative AI mean for a consumer's risk of being defrauded? How can these same technologies that are used to harm people also be used to combat bad actors? How do you tackle the harm and annoyance of robocalls and robotexts in an effective way?

With respect to challenges, large organizations like the FCC have entrenched systems and unique bureaucracy. Doing things quickly while keeping all interested parties informed and navigating the politics can be frustrating. Progress can be slow. It brings to mind a mantra of one of my public administration professors. It was that "collaboration sucks" but that it's necessary for better outcomes and creating shared expectations. In large organizations you have a variety of cultures and experiences. It's something you have to recognize in order to be successful. And success often means you have to check your ego at the door and embrace teamwork and the process by which projects get done.

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

A: Early on I was surprised about how many of the leaders in the communications bar entered the space seemingly by chance. I heard so many communications law origin stories that went something like this. "I was working as a summer associate hoping to do [fill in the blank] and a partner had me do this new telecom thing that no one had a clue about. I've been doing this thing for 20 years."

I'm continually impressed by the character and collegiality of the FCBA as a whole. I count many in the FCBA as my friends and mentors. I think the recognition that the space is constantly changing contributes to that, we are a bunch of flexible, lifelong learners. I am not going to mention everyone I could, as there are just so many folks who have gone out of their way to assist or mentor others that I've encountered over the years.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: I finally got around to reading JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. It was everything that fans say it is. Also, to my view, Tom Bombadil is the man!

I also have been picking away at "The Rise and Fall of the American Whig Party: Jacksonian Politics and the Onset of the Civil War". That is another discussion, but if you thought for a moment that anything this nation is going through now is new, this book will read like a contemporary analysis. So, from my perspective, the Lord of the Rings was more enjoyable.

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?

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A: I feel like a lot of the educational structures are designed to funnel you into singular specialist roles. For a long time, I felt like my varied interests and curiosities were a weakness and that I fell into the “a jack of all trades is a master of none” camp and that that was a negative thing. But, in my career at least, it has paid dividends. I can speak and work effectively in a number of different settings. I’m not overwhelmed by technology and the pace of its change. Obviously, you have to be competent in your given field, but it’s the peripheral knowledge and experience that can set you apart.

As for specific career advice, as a geriatric millennial now, it’s bending towards cliché; do what you have a passion about. Surround yourself with people who are positive and drive you forward, be open for new experiences, and hammer into your head that change is a constant. That there are no static platforms or careers. And finally, and this can help when things are tough, bad experiences, bad bosses, bad communication, difficult colleagues, all of it — these bad experiences are things

you can learn from. Take note of these difficulties and how they made you feel. Then work to avoid those behaviors when you have the opportunity to be a leader or contributor to a project.

Q: **Has anything changed in your life because of the pandemic?**

A: Everything has. We had our first child in the height of the pandemic. It was all extremely difficult. We were thankful to have family to lean on, but at the same time they were very far away. Those were some scary isolating times.

How we work and live has forever changed. Expectations have all shifted. And it seems like the ever-present inter-generational battles about what work is, how it is prioritized in our lives, and how it gets done all are under deeper focus by workers and employers. Overall, for me I think it cemented a need for greater self-reliance and self-direction for those things that are within my control. I had hoped the shared experience of the pandemic would have brought us all together and leave us more united. I’m afraid that instead, in the present at least, we can’t even agree on the facts of what happened.

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

A: Well, I’ve been to multiple Lebowskis Fests.

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

A: I was a student member of the FCBA in law school back in 2007. To me the value of membership is the convening power of the association. There is great value in participating in the standing and expected meetings of colleagues across the tech and telecom sector. It’s hard to keep up with folks that you know and like with everything else going on in your career and personal life, but the FCBA creates many opportunities for people to stay in touch, make new connections, and educate themselves. I have particularly fond memories of being a part of the Young Lawyers Committee.

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

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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, 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).

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The 30th Annual National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the FCBA and the Moot Court Association and Law and Technology Institute at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, was held on February 9 and 10, 2024.

The competition involved eight well-prepared teams who competed at the highest level of appellate advocacy competition. Natalie Lalama, Nicholas Tilmes, and Emmett Tabor from the New York University School of Law placed first at the competition, winning the Best Overall award. Second Place went to Tahmineh Dehbozorgi, Cashen Nielsen, and Seriana Saltzen from the George Washington University Law School. Jason Whiting and Megan Penn from the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University won the Best Brief award, and the Best Oralists award went to Nicholas Tilmes from the New York University School of Law.

This year's competition involved a Section 230 problem involving the Major Questions Doctrine, Chevron Deference, First Amendment, and the Administrative Procedure Act (with a little A.I. sprinkled in for kicks). The problem was drafted by the co-chairs of the FCBA's Moot Court Committee Andrew Magloughlin, Grant Gendron, Sara Baxenberg, Ashley Brydone-Jack, Logan Bennett, and Lee G. Petro.

A highlight of the competition was the final round panel presided over by FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, FCBA President Diane (Griffin) Holland, and Deena Shetler, Chief of Staff for FCC Commissioner Anna M. Gomez. The competition would not have been made possible without CUA Law 2024 J.D. Candidate and Moot Court Association Vice Chancellor Julia O'Toole.

During the reception that followed the competition, Megan La Belle, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and



Semifinal Round



Diane Holland, FCBA President



Julia O'Toole, CUA Law Vice Chancellor



Final Round

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FCBA President Diane Holland delivered remarks. The FCBA congratulates and thanks all of the student competitors, faculty members, and administrators who participated in the competition. It also expresses its gratitude to CUA Law and the many FCBA members who served as judges and graded the competitors' briefs. Please reach out to Lee G. Petro at Lee.Petro@PillsburyLaw.com if you are interested in serving on the committee this fall.

THANKS TO OUR MOOT COURT FCBA MEMBER JUDGES!

Oral argument judges were: Keenan Adamchak, Sara Baxenberg, John Bergmayer, Eliya Bernstein, Eileen Breslin, Blake Browning, Julia Browning, Jeff Carlisle, Adam Copeland, Matt Furlow, Sofia Galleher, Grant Gendron, Russ Hanser, Lisa Hone, Michael Janson, Robert Keller, Warren Kessler, Andrew Magloughlin, Justin McCuen, Joe Miller, John Nakahata, Josh Turner, and Matthew Uvas.

Brief judges were: Logan Bennett, David Brown, Jeff Carlisle, Lisa Fowlkes, Shannon Sylvester, and Luis E. Zambrano Ramos.



Semifinal Round



Final Round



Final Round Judges - Diane Holland, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, and Deena Shetler

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY MOOT COURT COMPETITION



Best Oralist - Nicholas Tilmes



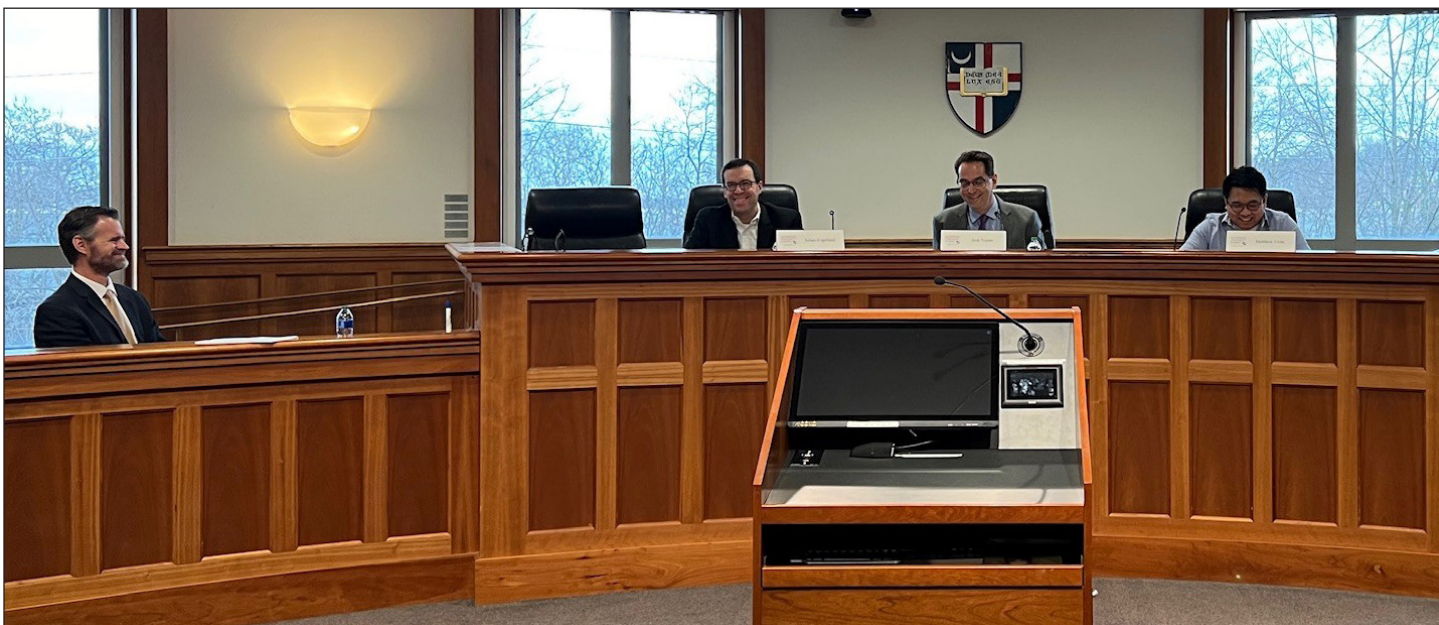
Best Overall Team - NYU - Nicholas Tilmes and Emmett Tabor



Megan La Belle, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs



Second Overall - GWU - Tahmineh Dehbozorgi, Cashen Nielsen and Seriana Saltzen



Judges

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Associate Attorney – Telecommunications Law Professionals, a collegial communications boutique law firm located in downtown DC, is seeking a full time associate with between 0-3 years work experience. Tasks will include, among others, reviewing and summarizing FCC orders for clients, drafting and reviewing comments in rulemaking proceedings, research and writing in litigation matters, transactional work and related matters. Currently, the firm is using a hybrid work schedule with three days in office and two days remote.

Must have JD and be licensed to practice/in good standing in DC or in another jurisdiction with the ability to waive into DC. Prior telecommunications work experience or study preferred. Please submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, transcript and references to awise@tlp.law to be considered.

3.24.2

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.

To apply to this announcement go to the website: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/774586100>

3.24.3

Trial Attorney – The Federal Communications Commission is looking to hire a trial attorney to join the Litigation Division of the agency's Office of General Counsel. The person hired would serve as an integral part of the trial team with primary responsibility for trial and enforcement matters involving the Commission and its interests. The available position offers highly motivated candidates a rewarding opportunity for government service involving challenging legal work in a flexible work environment.

As a trial attorney, the person hired would provide authoritative legal advice to the agency, serve as the designated FCC representative in proceedings before other government agencies, and assist U.S. Department of Justice attorneys in representation before the Federal and state trial courts (which involves developing approaches, arguments and strategies relating to all aspects of litigation in a variety of cases, many of which are precedent-setting and highly-technical, have unique legal features, require creative approaches, and may be of national importance). The incumbent's matters in the U.S. district courts include enforcement proceedings involving communications law and the Freedom of Information Act, among other federal laws and regulations. The individual's portfolio also covers representing the Commission in litigation and administrative proceedings involving the federal laws against job discrimination and harassment, human resources law, labor relations, and other areas of federal law and/or regulations in various fora, including, but not limited to, the Office of Special Counsel, Merit Systems Protection Board, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Additionally, the incumbent represents the Commission in alternative dispute resolution, particularly mediations and arbitrations; responds to subpoenas served upon the agency; and performs other duties of importance to the work of the Office of General Counsel and the Commission. This position is at the GS-14 or GS-15 level. Further details, as well as required qualifications and how to apply, may be found at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/778693700>

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Calendar

March 12	Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee Lunch and Learn
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 18	CLE Seminar: Copyright Law and Artificial Intelligence
March 20	CLE Seminar: FCC's Recent Digital Discrimination Order and FNPRM and Related State Activities
March 20	Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Election
March 25	Midwest Chapter Lunch and Learn
March 26	New England 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
April 4	FCBA Newly Confirmed FCC Commissioners Reception
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