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FCBA Offers Platinum Sponsorship Package

The FCBA is pleased to offer a new sponsorship opportunity! In the first half of 2025, with your support, we'll be holding an exciting array of events. While your organization is free to sponsor one or more on an *a la carte* basis (as in the past), in response to sponsor input we now are offering a package sponsorship opportunity.

The package sponsorship qualifies you as Platinum Sponsor for the following FCBA events to be held between January and June 2025:

- Sixth Annual Women's Summit Series on April 3;
- Congressional Reception on April 30;

- Annual Seminar in Hershey, PA on May 16-18;
- Spring Reception, featuring Excellence in Government Service Award – Date TBD.

Among other things, Platinum Sponsorship offers the following benefits:

- A discounted price as compared to cost of sponsoring each of the four events separately at a gold-equivalent level;
- Ability to pre-pay for sponsorships;
- Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor in the FCBA newsletter each month from January-June 2025, in addition to recognition as top-level sponsor at each package event.

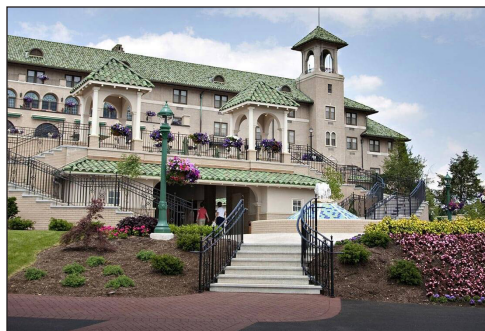
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Nominations for the "Excellence in Government Service" Award Due March 14

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, Ira Keltz, and Mark Stephens. The 18th recipient will be announced in spring 2025.

All current federal government employees in communications-related positions (not limited to attorneys or FCBA members) are eligible nominees. The FCBA will consider

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Hotel Hershey

FCBA Annual Seminar to be held at The Hotel Hershey May 16-18 ~ Reserve Your Room and Sponsor Today!

The 2025 FCBA Annual Seminar will be held at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA on May 16-18. The Annual Seminar

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Upcoming Key Events

Wireless Telecommunications Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday, February 13, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Topic: The National Spectrum Strategy: Where Do Things Stand, and What Comes Next?

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Enforcement and Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committees CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Topic: The FCC's Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges

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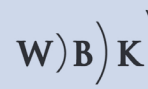
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PRESIDENT'S Message

Suddenly, it's February which is, logically, national heart health month. At some point very early in my elementary school days, we had a science "assembly" (as they were once and may still be called) at school. Courtesy of a reel-to-reel projector, we watched a film about the functioning of the human heart. That afternoon, I returned home and broadcast loudly to my mother that the human heart was NOTHING like the delicate red construction paper and lace doily valentines I loved to paste together—and might even be DISGUSTING. I'm not sure whether I thought this would be news to Mom or whether I was expressing righteous indignation that at 4 or 5 I had not been appropriately informed. My dear mother probably had my best interests at heart when she decided against shattering my illusions at a young and tender age.



But my heart was gladdened from the get-go this February when I delivered the welcoming remarks at the opening session of our TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program. Participating law students, who are following their hearts into careers in our TMT sector, devote six consecutive Saturdays to learn from FCBA's best and brightest. It was my distinct pleasure to introduce former FCC Chair Ajit Pai for the keynote, and to listen to him open his heart to our students by sharing his own journey and spending time answering their thoughtful questions. I am grateful to the leaders of our DPP initiative, Rudy Brioché, Svetlana Gans, Anisa Green, and Diane Holland, and to the instructors participating—each of you has a heart of gold. Stay tuned for details about DPP's 5th Anniversary Celebration, coming in June.

We are still looking for Platinum Sponsors for FCBA's upcoming events. I hope you'll help us encourage companies to find it in their hearts to support our valuable FCBA programming.

Throughout my career, I have exhibited the same righteous indignation as I did as a little girl in connection with government incursions into newsroom decision making. And so, it did my heart good to spend time earlier this month with like-minded lawyers at the annual conference put on this year in Austin, Texas, by what I like to think of as our sister bar association for media lawyers—the ABA Forum on Communications Law. My heartfelt thanks to the Forum for hosting a breakfast for our FCBA Texas Chapter—it also gladdened my heart to be able to thank our Texas chapter co-chairs, Kristine Devine, Jessica Nyman, and Davina Sashkin, in person.

Speaking of the ABA Forum, our signature collaboration for decades has been the ABA/FCBA's *Representing Your Local Broadcaster*, and this year will be no exception. This day-long CLE event will be held in connection with the NAB Show in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 6 in the Encore/Wynn meeting space. Our FCBA Chapter Co-Chair (and now ABA Forum President-Elect) Josh Pila has poured his heart into planning this year's

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**Thursday,
February 13,
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
The National
Spectrum Strategy:
Where Do Things
Stand, and What
Comes Next?**

The FCBA Wireless Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Thursday, February 13, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled **The National Spectrum Strategy: Where Do Things Stand, and What Comes Next?** The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Over the past two years, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration has sought comment on, drafted, and carried out the implementation of a National Spectrum Strategy. Work across all the pillars of the Strategy is ongoing. The beginning of a new Presidential administration could bring a new direction. This CLE will discuss what has been achieved in the policy and technical issues involved in the National Spectrum Strategy, as well as what remains to be done.

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

Agenda

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

Scott Blake Harris, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Crest Hill Advisors

**2:05 – 3:00 p.m.
THE BIG PICTURE: KEY
POLICY AND TECHNICAL
ISSUES SO FAR, AND WHAT
COMES NEXT**

Moderator:
Ryan Thompson, Senior Associate,
Hogan Lovells

Panelists:
Nick Degani, Chief Strategist, Digital Progress Institute
Monisha Ghosh, Professor, University of Notre Dame
David Redl, Founder and CEO, Salt Point Strategies

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES
ON THE WORK TO COME**

Moderator:
Jason Neal, Partner, HWG LLP

Panelists:
Danielle Piñeres, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance, Planet Labs
Tom Power, Founder, Big Star LLC
Becky Tangren, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, NCTA
Ryan Terry, Director, Regulatory Strategy, Licensing & Policy, Global Regulatory Affairs and Public Policy, Lockheed Martin Corporation

**Monday, March 17,
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
The FCC’s Outage
Reporting Regime:
A Review of
Enforcement
and Compliance
Challenges**

The FCBA **Enforcement & Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committees** will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled **The FCC’s Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

The FCC’s Part 4 rules require communications providers to report significant degradations in network functions to the FCC, as well as potentially affected 911 and 988 special facilities. These reports are intended to enable the FCC and other authorized entities to understand the magnitude of major outages, identify trends, and promote network reliability best practices that can prevent or mitigate future disruptions. In recent years, outage reports have become the basis for FCC enforcement actions that require communications providers

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**Save the Dates for the 2025 Women’s
Summit, Congressional Reception, and
Annual Dinner!**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding the **FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairman Brendan Carr on Wednesday, December 3, 2025**. It will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. Please keep an eye out in the fall for further details. We currently do not have any information on purchasing tables and/or tickets, or issuing invitations.

In addition, mark your calendar for the **Sixth Annual Women’s Summit on Thursday, April 3, 2025**, and for **FCBA’s Congressional Reception on Wednesday, April 30, 2025**. Keep an eye out for more details via email.

MARCH 17 CLE

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to justify the reasonableness of their network designs and operating procedures and, typically, result in multi-million dollar penalties. Further, new rules are raising concerns about the compliance burden on providers and unintended consequences for 911 and 988 special facilities. This CLE will review the FCC's

new rules, the Enforcement Bureau's related investigations and actions, and compliance challenges and potential solutions for communications providers and 911/988 special facilities.

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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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER Events

Enforcement Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Date/Time: Monday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: The FCC's Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges

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.](#)

Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Enforcement Committee

Date/Time: Monday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: The FCC's Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges

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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Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday, February 13, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: The National Spectrum Strategy: Where Do Things Stand, and What Comes Next?

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 19, 6:30 – 7:30 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 Jaime McCoy for the 2025-2026 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). Nominations (including self-nominations) for the election should be emailed to Jaime (jaimemccoy13@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, March 5. 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 30 of the FCBA's bylaws. If you have any questions, please email YLC Co-Chair Jaime (jaimemccoy13@gmail.com). [Click here to register.](#)

The Federal Communications Law Journal at The George Washington University Law School will host its Symposium on March 28

The Federal Communications Law Journal at The George Washington University Law School will host its Volume 77 Symposium on Friday, March 28, 2025. This year's Symposium will explore key issues in digital privacy, featuring three panels: the first on labor and employment, the second on consumer privacy, and the third on social media surveillance in the context of immigration. Each panel will draw from one of three student Notes published in Volume 77: *Striking the Right Enforcement Balance in BIPA-Style Legislation* by Lenni Elias, *Alone Together: How the FTC Can Develop a Transatlantic Approach to Consumer Privacy in the Age of Surveillance Capitalism* by Luke Posniewski, and *Watching and Waiting: Modern Social Media Surveillance of Immigrants and Fourth Amendment Implications* by Vaishali Nambiar.

We welcome all who may be interested to attend this event. The event will take place at the law school, with further details to come. **To register, please follow this [link](#).**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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program and it promises to be one of the best yet. Be on the lookout for further details and registration information.

Our FCBA Committee Co-Chairs have their hearts set on bringing you exceptional programming in 2025, including opportunities to meet and hear from the lawmakers and regulators who will shape the TMT landscape in the coming months. The Federal Communications Law Journal is staffed by GW students after our own heart, and they've asked that FCBA members save the date—March 28—for their Annual Symposium, this year focusing on digital privacy in the areas of labor and employment, telecommunications, and social media surveillance in immigration law. Look for details on these programs as well as our upcoming Women's Forum and Congressional Reception. You don't want to eat your heart out because you missed them.

Seems appropriate during Valentine's month to remind you to join us at the Sweetest Place on Earth, Hershey, PA for our Annual Seminar May 16 to 18. I intend to indulge in Hershey Kisses to my heart's content, and maybe a Heath Bar or two. Right before I take advantage of

the fitness center. The Annual Seminar is always one of my favorite FCBA events, particularly because it warms my heart to spend informal and relaxed time with my fellow FCBA members and their families—it's truly a unique opportunity to make memories and build special and long-lasting relationships. Cross my heart. Of course, Annual Seminar Chair Josh Turner and his committee are also planning a substantive program that will get to the heart of the matter on so very many of the critical issues important to us and raised by the change in administration and advancements in technology.

I started out noting that this is heart health month. In the many years since I was a little girl, I have learned much about the affairs of the heart, both literally and figuratively. My heart has been heavy and light, leapt and sank, been open and closed, faint and brave, broken and mended. And I know first-hand what it is like when the health of that vital organ—which I now know is miraculous and beautiful, not disgusting—fails for someone close to you. So, from the bottom of my heart, FCBA members, I urge you to please take care of your health and your heart, all year long, as we continue our vital work together.

Kathy Kirby
FCBA President 2024-2025

NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 14

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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 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 14, 2025.

The Federal Communications Law Journal

The *Federal Communications Law Journal (FCLJ)* 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'll email you when a new issue is published. You may also visit <http://www.fclj.org/volumes/> to view archived volumes.

For those of you who would like to receive the *FCLJ* in hard copy format, you should sign up for this option by following the instructions below. The hard copy journal is free, but it must be ordered through our website.

- Log in to your account by [clicking here](#).
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If you have any questions, please email Kerry Loughney (kerry@fcba.org).

Diversity Pipeline Summer Intern Program & TMT Law and Policy Certification Program

Now in its fifth year, the FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program remains the nation's only legal internship and curriculum-support initiative dedicated exclusively to law and policy in the technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) sector. This milestone underscores our unwavering commitment to fostering the next generation of legal professionals

by connecting ambitious students with influential leaders in the field.

Once again, our efforts have opened doors for **50 highly driven first-year law students**, who are actively interviewing with law firms, corporations, and trade associations. One-on-one match interviews are currently underway for **25+ sought-after internship opportunities**, with final placements expected to be announced in early February.

Beyond securing prestigious internships, our students continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to deepening their expertise. The **TMT Law and Policy Certification Program** launched its eight full-day Saturday sessions on February

1, 2025. Running through April, this immersive program provides participants with hands-on learning experiences, expert-led discussions, and invaluable networking opportunities—ensuring they gain the critical knowledge and skills to thrive in the ever-evolving TMT legal landscape.

As we celebrate this important anniversary, we remain dedicated to shaping the future of legal talent in the TMT sector and look forward to the continued success of our students.

If you are interested in sponsoring the program, please [click here](#).

FCBA Texas Chapter Event at the ABA Forum On February 6



L to R standing: Josh Pila, Kathy Kirby, Kristine Devine, Diane Holland, Stephanie Rigizadeh / L to R seated: Jessica Nyman, Mark Foster

Atlanta Chapter Event on January 16 on *Loper Bright and Jarkesy*



Barry Ohlson (Cox Enterprises), Brian Lea (Jones Day), Anne Kamosso (Ohmium), and Josh Pila (Gray Media)



SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

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Please note that the FCBA Annual Luncheon in June is not included in the package. Organizations also are free (but certainly not obligated) to add discrete sponsorships to individual sessions at the Annual Seminar (e.g., of hospitality breaks) separate and apart from their Platinum Sponsorship.

[Click here for detailed information on benefits and pricing \(pdf\).](#)

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Please contact Elina at elina@fcba.org with any questions.

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Committee is planning what promises to be an outstanding program filled with the latest information on telecom issues and great networking opportunities. Watch for further program details in the coming weeks.

Important Room Reservation Information: The FCBA special group rate will only be guaranteed through TUESDAY, APRIL 8. After this date, it is likely that the room rates will increase.

Guests should make reservations online by accessing the following link <https://www.thehotelhershey.com/qr/JHCENHKF50/> which will direct you straight to the FCBA reservation site. You may also call 855-729-3108 and identify as part of the Federal Communications Bar Association group. The room rate is \$399 per room, per night, however, there are no resort or parking fees.

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

Sponsorships: We're excited to announce a new sponsorship structure this year. Gold Sponsors will receive two (2) complimentary registrations, and Silver Sponsors will receive one (1) complimentary registration. In addition, there are event sponsorships available.

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***NOTE: Purchasing a sponsorship will not automatically register anyone for the Annual Seminar. It simply indicates to FCBA that your organization is sponsoring the event. At this time, you do not need to determine who will be using the complimentary registration(s). Elina Gross will contact you separately for this information.**

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Charity Auction Beneficiary Application Now Available

The Auction Committee is now accepting applications from local charities to be considered as a beneficiary of the 36th Annual FCBA Charity Auction. The application should be received by the FCBA by email no later than **Friday, April 4, 2025**.

[Click here to download the application.](#)

The FCBA is gearing up for its 2025 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 Stephanie Budaker at stephanie@fcba.org.

FCBA FOUNDATION 2025 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 29 years, the Foundation has helped almost 415 local high school students attend college with generous scholarship awards. In 2024, the Foundation committed \$294,000 to graduating seniors selected because of their academic achievements and service to school and community, with individual scholarships ranging from \$8,000 to \$20,000.

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/login/fcbacollegescholarship>.

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, February 14, 2025. The Foundation plans to conduct interviews of promising applicants in early April 2025. We will notify successful applicants of their scholarship awards before May 2025.

FCBA FOUNDATION 2025 LAW SCHOOL SUMMER INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

The FCBA Foundation will award stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns through its Law School Summer Internship 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

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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

Last year, with the help of volunteer reviewers, the Foundation awarded \$294,000 in college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Students 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. That's where you come in—we need help reviewing these promising students' applications.

The last week of February, each volunteer reviewer will receive a group of applications to review, plus detailed reviewing and grading instructions, to review by Monday, March 10. 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 review college scholarship applications, please email the FCBA Foundation at foundation@fcba.org by Friday, February 14, 2025.** 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 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 tech and telecom related fields.

****If you would like to review law school scholarship or summer internship stipend applications, please email the FCBA Foundation at foundation@fcba.org by Friday, February 14, 2025.**

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at government/public sector entities addressing other communications-related areas, including internet law and policy, privacy, cybersecurity, copyright, emerging technologies, and related policy and legal issues.

The Law School Summer Stipend Program awards stipends of up to \$10,000 and last year provided support to 12 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 Monday, February 3, until Monday, March 3, 2025. The application can be accessed at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/fcbastipend>.

FCBA FOUNDATION 2025 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 2024, the Foundation awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to six outstanding law students. The scholarships are payable to the applicable law school in one lump sum to help the student with tuition or other education-related expenses.

The application for the scholarship will be available online from Monday, February 3, until Monday, March 3, 2025. The application can be accessed at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/fcbalawship>.

The Foundation plans to notify successful applicants regarding their scholarship awards by mid-May.



Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia

29th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament to be held on June 24

The FCBA Foundation will host its 29th Annual FCBA Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia, on **Tuesday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m.**

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!

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. Keep an eye out for registration details in next month's newsletter.

The Golf Committee always welcomes prize donations or those interested in assisting on the Golf Committee.

Contact co-chairs Henry Gola (HGola@Wiley.Law) and Lee G. Petro (LPetro@Dickinson-Wright.com) if you want to contribute or would like to help organize the event.

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, Spencer Banwart (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, Addison Spencer (fclj@law.gwu.edu).

TO LIST A JOB

Submit a Job Bank Form (found by [clicking here](#) or going to the FCBA website under the Member Resources - Job Board) and email the form, the text of the ad, and the appropriate payment to Kerry Loughney at kerry@fcba.org. Listings and payment received by the 22nd day of each month will appear in the next month's newsletter. If possible, ads should not exceed 400 words. No headhunters please.

1.25.1

Communications Associate – Washington, D.C. office – The Akin Communications practice seeks an associate or counsel with 3-6 years of experience working in telecommunications, media, and technology. Regulatory, policy and transactional experience in one or more of the following is a requirement: wireless, broadband funding programs, satellite, uncrewed aircraft and connected vehicles, broadcast, towers and data centers. Former government service is a plus and stellar academic credentials are required. Candidate must exhibit Akin's core values:

future-focused, diversity-minded, dedicated to excellence, service-oriented and collaborative.

Application link: <https://akingumpselfapply.viglobalcloud.com/viRecruitSelfApply/ReDefault.aspx?FilterREID=2&FilterJobCategoryID=2&FilterJobID=929>

Required documents: Resume, Cover Letter, and Law School Transcript

1.25.2

Junior-Mid Level Associate Attorney – Lukas, LaFuria, Lantor & Sachs, LLP (LLLS) is seeking a junior to mid-level associate attorney to join our boutique DC-area telecommunications law practice.

LLLS is seeking a candidate with strong research, writing, and analytical skills, as well as outstanding judgment. Applicants must be able to manage projects with limited supervision. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in telecommunications law.

Tasks relevant to the position include advising clients on federal Universal Service Fund programs and contributions; assisting clients with transfers of control and assignments; reviewing and alerting clients to FCC decisions relevant to their operations; drafting regulatory pleadings; counseling clients concerning compliance with federal and state regulations, audits and investigations; and analyzing of FCC spectrum policies and incumbent holdings. Applicants must have a Juris Doctor degree from an accredited law school and an active bar membership in good standing.

To apply, submit your cover letter, resume, transcript, and 1-2 short writing samples to jwittke@fcclaw.com.

LLLS provides a competitive salary commensurate with experience and benefits package.

FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

(*as of 1/31/25)

Juan Belman Guerrero
Olivia Fergerstrom, Nelson Mullins
 Riley & Scarborough LLP
James Firsick
Estephania Flores

Angela Floyd, Wilkinson Barker
 Knauer, LLP
Aurora Garrison
Gregory Hellbourg
Taiye Kolawole, Sheppard Mullin
 Richter & Hampton LLP

Jacob Smith
Julia Watson Bartlett, Verrill

**And huge thanks to those who
 recruited them: Steve Augustino**

Calendar

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| February 13 | CLE Seminar: The National Spectrum Strategy: Where Do Things Stand, and What Comes Next? |
| March 17 | CLE Seminar: The FCC's Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges |
| March 19 | Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Election and Meeting |
| March 28 | The Federal Communications Law Journal Annual Symposium |
| April 3 | FCBA Sixth Annual Women's Summit |
| April 30 | FCBA Congressional Reception |
| May 16-18 | FCBA Annual Seminar at the Hotel Hershey |
| June 24 | FCBA Foundation Annual Golf Tournament |
| December 3 | FCBA Annual Dinner |