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Sixth Annual Women's Summit on April 3

The **Sixth Annual FCBA Women's Summit, Unlocking Opportunities and Accelerating Action**, will be held on **Thursday, April 3** at NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC. Programming will kick off with remarks from **Commissioner Anna Gomez**, followed by panel discussions focusing on women shaping international spectrum use,

advice from marketing experts, a networking exercise, and a fireside chat with past FCBA presidents. The event will conclude with a cocktail reception to celebrate our success and connect with colleagues in the bar. **Check-in will begin at 12:30 p.m., programming will take place from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m., and the reception will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

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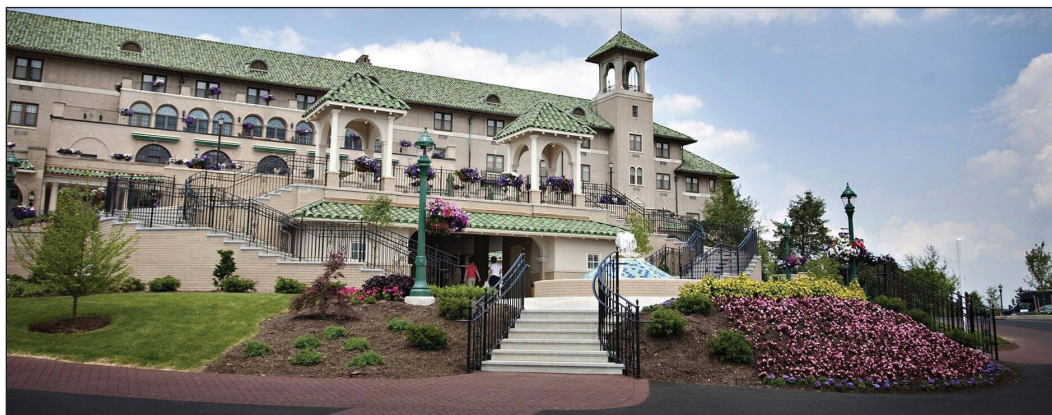
FCBA Congressional Reception on April 30

The FCBA is pleased to announce that it will be holding its 2025 Congressional Reception on **Wednesday, April 30** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at NCTA, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Once again, Members of the House and Senate Commerce, Homeland Security, and Judiciary Committees are being

invited to attend, as well as their staff and telecom advisors.

This reception is being hosted by the FCBA and co-hosted by a variety of telecom trade associations, including **CTIA, NCTA – The**

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FCBA Annual Seminar at The Hotel Hershey May 16-18 ~ Register, 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 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.

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Upcoming Key Events

Enforcement / Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committees CLE Seminar

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

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Space and Global Communications Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Position, Navigation, and Timing: How the United States Can Find Itself Again

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Engineering and Technical Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Spectrum Policy Developments for Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

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Professional Responsibility Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Ethics Issues for Difficult Times

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Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics / Intellectual Property Committees CLE

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Topic: AI, Copyright, and Public Data

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PRESIDENT'S Message

I figured I had become a Washingtonian, of sorts, when my initial reaction to predictions about dates for cherry blossom peak bloom became cross—I found myself muttering under my breath about throngs of tourists and traffic jams complicating the already challenging logistics of my busy everyday life (ok, maybe that's the New Yorker in me). Not sure whether I am desperately longing for signs of spring or craving the certainty of annual rituals given the uncertainty so many are feeling keenly right now, but this year I found myself experiencing a moment of joy listening to the National Park Service announcement. Connecting with nature is one of the things that grounds me (last week an otter surprised me by popping its adorable head out of the canal behind my house and I almost lost my mind), so I find myself looking forward to the end of this month when the sun will feel stronger on my face as I look up and marvel at the unique beauty of those pink petal clouds. Of course, I will gape in one of those “secret,” less congested places I've discovered after years in the DMV.



Community is also a force that uplifts me and resonates with me, and it is my hope that the FCBA community serves that purpose for you. FCBA leadership is always striving to improve the Tech Bar's value to our members. To that end, we have launched our 2025 Membership Survey, our first since 2017. I beseech you—please take time to respond and offer us your suggestions and candid input. If you have ideas outside of those that may be prompted by the survey questions, use the comment sections to provide them. I'm truly looking forward to hearing from a majority of our members and I thank you in advance for helping us better shape our future programming.

FCBA's respect for and partnership with those in those in government service has always been one of our pillars. In 2008, we established an award, bestowed annually, to recognize the contributions of federal government employees to the field of communications. Over the years, it has been my privilege to join members of our bar in honoring the long-term commitment of these resolute public servants at our Spring Reception, and we will do so again in June. For now, though, please help by sending us your nominees for our Excellence in Government Service Award. The selection process is always a difficult one, because so many of our colleagues in the federal government have demonstrated service, dedication, and generosity of spirit throughout their careers.

Our FCBA community is starting what may just become a tradition this month when FCBA leaders host a reception to honor our newest lawyers with a “swearing-in” celebration on March 27. We heard our young lawyers bemoan that their virtual swearing-in is somewhat anticlimactic, unlike the in-person, somewhat big deal of years past. So, we'll host them, toast them with champagne, and feed them sweet treats and

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Nominations Committee Presents FY2026 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, 2025. 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, a Delegate to the American Bar Association 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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Ryan Thompson

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Pursuant to the By-Laws, current President-Elect **Matt DelNero** will become President on July 1, 2025, and **Josh Pila** will serve a second year as a Chapter Representative.

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 8, 2025 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, 2025. The election results will be announced during the FCBA Annual Meeting.

Special thanks to members of this year's Nominations Committee: **Diane Holland (Chair)**, **Sally Buckman**, **Jonathan Campbell**, **Steve Conley**, **Elizabeth Cuttner**, **Matt DelNero**, **Lisa Fowlkes**, **Yosef Getachew**, **Sarah Leggin**, **Hannah Lepow**, **Clint Odom**, and **Aspa Paroutsas**.

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.

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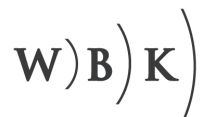
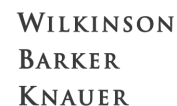
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Monday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET The FCC's Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges

The FCBA Enforcement Committee and Homeland Security & Emergency Communications Committee 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 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.

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

2:05 – 3:00 p.m.
THE FCC'S OUTAGE
REPORTING RULES AND
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Moderator:

Kevin Rupy, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Panelists:

John Nakahata, Chairman, HWG LLP

Suzanne Tetreault, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP

Wes Wright, Partner, Keller & Heckman LLP

3:05 – 4:00 p.m.
OUTAGE REPORTING
COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES
AND SOLUTIONS

Moderator:

Matthew Gerst, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP

Panelists:

Alison Venable, Government Relations Counsel, APCO

Christiaan Segura, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA

Harriet Rennie-Brown, Executive Director, NASNA

Pamela Arluk, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

Jonathan Gilad, Vice President, Government Affairs, NENA

Kathleen Slattery Thompson, Vice President, Regulatory & Legal Affairs, USTelecom

Wednesday, April 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Position, Navigation, and Timing: How the United States Can Find Itself Again

The FCBA Space and Global Communications Committee will sponsor a CLE on Wednesday, April 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled **Position, Navigation, and Timing: How the United States Can Find Itself Again**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT) technologies, most notably Global Positioning Systems (GPS), are integral to nearly every aspect of our lives—from autonomous vehicles and logistics to mobile applications and defense. GPS has served as the basis for PNT, however, GPS has become increasingly vulnerable from accidental, natural and malicious threats. This CLE will explore the increasingly consequential role of PNT and how we can ensure the reliability that is required for today's PNT uses through safeguarding GPS and utilizing PNT alternatives. We will also explore what regulatory and other changes need to be made to ensure that the full range of PNT alternatives are available so as to have the most reliable PNT services possible.

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Agenda

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Tollefsen, Space Committee Co-Chair

1:05 – 1:20 p.m.

OVERVIEW: THE IMPORTANCE OF PNT

This session will describe GPS and other existing Global Navigation Satellite Systems, the scope of the economy's reliance on GPS, threats impacting the delivery of GPS services, aspects of how the U.S. government is working with industry to develop and test alternative PNT solutions, and related topics.

Speaker:

Bryan Benedict, Senior Director of Innovation & Spacecraft Programs, SES Space & Defense

1:20 – 2:10 p.m.

WHERE ARE WE TODAY

This panel session will offer a discussion on the current state of affairs of PNT, both domestically and internationally. Topics will include in-depth looks at the PNT technologies we use today, how these technologies are regulated, and the challenges to effective and reliable provision of PNT in the United States and abroad.

Moderator:

Jillian Quigley, Space Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

Harold Martin, National Coordination Office (NCO) for Space-Based PNT, Department of Transportation *[Invited]*
Christina Youn, General Counsel and Director of Regulatory Affairs, Xona Space Systems *[Invited]*

Lisa Dyer, Executive Director, GPS Innovation Alliance

Matt Furlow, Senior Director and Policy Counsel, US Chamber of Commerce

2:10 – 2:55 p.m.

WHERE SHOULD PNT GO FROM HERE?

The panel will discuss how to ensure that PNT is available now and in the future through ways to address reliability issues and how new technologies are being deployed to further enable PNT.

Moderator:

Jennifer Manner, Space Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

Steve Poizner, Founder and CEO, OneNav

Robert Folliard, Senior Vice President, Government Relations & Distribution, Gray Television

Jesse Morehouse, Business Development Analysis Director, Lockheed Martin Space

Additional Speaker to be Announced

2:55 – 3:00 p.m.

WRAP-UP

Henry Wendel, Space Committee Co-Chair

Tuesday, April 29, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET Spectrum Policy Developments for Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

The FCBA Engineering and Technical Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday, April 29, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Spectrum Policy Developments for Uncrewed Aircraft Systems**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

The program will feature two expert panels discussing key regulatory updates and industry implications. The first panel will examine the FCC's 5 GHz UAS Report and Order and Further Notice, which established rules for control-related UAS communications in the 5030-5091 MHz band and authorized interim

non-networked operations (NNA) at 5040-5050 MHz. Panelists will assess the impact of these rules on aviation safety, spectrum efficiency, and industry deployment. Additionally, the panel will explore unresolved issues, such as the potential allocation of spectrum for UAS deconfliction services and considerations for long-term UAS spectrum access.

The second panel will focus on the FCC's 450 MHz UAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), which proposes greater flexibility for low-altitude UAS command-and-control operations. The discussion will cover the proposed nationwide licensing model, new technical and operational rules, and the potential reallocation of the 450 MHz band to support UAS operations. Panelists will also address key questions, such as whether geographic licensing alternatives (e.g., REAG-based licensing) should be considered, how to manage potential interference, and whether a windfall payment mechanism is appropriate for spectrum access. The session will also cover proposed rule changes for radiolocation services in the 24.45-24.65 GHz band to enhance UAS detection capabilities and modernization efforts for commercial aviation air-ground systems.

This CLE will be essential for professionals navigating the evolving regulatory landscape of UAS spectrum. Panelists to be announced.

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Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Ethics Issues for Difficult Times

The FCBA Professional Responsibility Committee will sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled **Ethics Issues for Difficult Times**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

For our Spring ethics committee sessions, we are delighted to be joined by Tracy Kepler, Risk Control Director with the CNA insurance carrier. Ms. Kepler brings a wealth of relevant and practical ethics experience to our panel – not only from her current role with a leading legal malpractice carrier, but also as a former state and federal agency disciplinary counsel. Our programs address two timely topics: the ethics of errors, and the ethics of lateral moves. The complex legal systems in which we operate have always been prone to error, and new technologies

promoted to increase efficiency while reducing human error often create new vulnerabilities for mistakes. In our increasingly competitive profession, the impulse to deny mistakes and “keep on digging” can be strong, so our first program will detail the attorney’s formal ethics duties when responding to errors and share best practices on being accountable for mistakes that happen on our watch. Our second program addresses the all-too-timely topic of ethics issues arising from lateral attorney moves, especially for attorneys leaving government services to join private practice.

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

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Agenda

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

NAVIGATING THE NEW NORMS: KEY UPDATES IN CYBERSECURITY REGULATIONS

It’s not easy being a lawyer. Busy attorneys must skillfully handle many matters at once, meet rigid deadlines, satisfy demanding clients and tribunals, and do it all quicker and with fewer team member than ever before. All of which typically involves long hours. As attorneys are [still] only human, even the most skilled and seasoned practitioner will inevitably make a mistake. A mistake may damage cases, applications, and other filings while threatening client relationships or even one’s status and position at a firm. The instinct to deny and “cover-up” a mistake is strong, but failing to timely account for errors is like the “second arrow” that only makes matters worse. During this course, we will consider an attorney’s formal duties related to error disclosure, what exactly those duties require, and why it’s important to take these duties seriously. We will also discuss best practices for promptly admitting and correcting errors in a way that builds client confidence and helps avoid future mistakes.

At the end of this program, attendees will be able to:

- Understand duties to disclose, fiduciary duties, loyalty, confidentiality and MRPC 1.4 and 1.7(a)(a)
- Learn what triggers a duty to report an error, to whom & whether the representation can continue
- Identify how to keep communications with in-house ethics counsel privileged
- Discover best practices for having a conversation with your client about the error
- Gain knowledge on the consequences of nondisclosure of the error
- Address any conflicts of interest arising from errors, and prepare an effective waiver if appropriate

Annual Seminar Stipends Available for Government Employees

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

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

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

Information and Application Instructions:

- Stipends are available to full-time government members.
- Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. **The cut-off date for applications is Friday, April 11, 2025.**
- Stipends may be applied only toward the registration fee for the 2024 FCBA Annual Seminar. Individuals receiving stipends are responsible for the remainder of the government registration fee (\$100), and all other costs of attending the seminar, including travel and lodging expenses.

[Click here](#) for the application and email to Stephanie Budaker at stephanie@fcba.org.

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2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

LATERAL MOVES, REVOLVING DOORS, AND MRPC 1.10

Once characterized by life-long tenures at firms, government agencies, or in-house legal departments, employment in our profession has become increasingly impermanent, variegated, some might even say tenuous. Whether pursuing competitive offers or fleeing terrifying purges, lawyers are on the move like never before. When an attorney and legal employer find each other in that magic “Goldilocks Moment” where things are just right, much work remains after an initial conflicts checks of clients and matters on which the attorney is actively working. The potential for legal and business conflicts of interest remains heightened during the new lawyer’s first several months at the office. Attorneys leaving government service for private practice face additional constraints from state and federal rules that may vary across jurisdictions and include different exceptions and nuance. Whether you’re the lawyer on the move or tasked by your employer with on-boarding new lawyer colleagues, understanding and following effective conflicts of interest screens and protocols is vital in today’s profession. At the end of this program, attendees will be able to:

- Understand the purpose of conflict of interest screens
- Identify and comply with the provisions of MRPC 1.10(a)
- Learn the elements of an effective screen
- Understand “revolving door” and other constraints for government attorneys entering private practice

Speakers:

Tracy Kepler, CNA Risk Control Consulting Director, Global Specialty Lawyers Professional Liability

Elizabeth Fisher, Co-Chair of FCBA Professional Responsibility Committee

Tom Gilbertsen, Co-Chair of FCBA Professional Responsibility Committee

Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET AI, Copyright, and Public Data

The FCBA **Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committees** will sponsor a CLE on **Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET** entitled **AI, Copyright, and Public Data**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Join the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) for a timely and in-depth discussion on the legal and policy implications of AI training on publicly available data. As artificial intelligence continues to evolve, questions surrounding copyright protection, data ownership, and fair use have become increasingly pressing, including in recent high-profile litigation.

This event will bring together the FCBA community to explore key issues, including:

- How copyright law applies to AI training on public data
- The implications of The New York Times lawsuit and similar legal challenges

- Policy considerations for balancing innovation with intellectual property rights

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

[Click here to register.](#)

Make sure to log into your account to receive the member rates! If you are signing up on behalf of a member, please sign in using their credentials (username and password). By doing this, the information will be linked to their account.

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

Agenda

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

AI TRAINING AND WHY IT COULD RAISE COPYRIGHT CONCERNS

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

BREAKING DOWN RECENT AI, COPYRIGHT, AND PUBLIC DATA LEGAL AND POLICY ISSUES

Panelists to be announced.

2025 FCBA Membership Survey – We Value Your Feedback!

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the value of FCBA membership, we are launching our 2025 membership survey. This will help FCBA leadership determine the best ways for the Association to meet the needs of its members and better understand members’ interests. All feedback will be crucial as we develop programming for this spring and beyond.

We ask that you complete the survey by **Monday, March 17 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. It should take no more than 15 minutes. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

If you have not received the survey via an email from Kerry Loughney, please email her at kerry@fcba.org to get the information.

Your feedback is valuable and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your participation!

SIXTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SUMMIT *on April 3*

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Other confirmed speakers and panelists include (as of March 11): **Lauren Drake**, Macrae; **Sophia Galleher**, Wilson Sonsini; **Amy Hinojosa**, MANA; **Diane Holland**, Wiley; **Anne Keeney**, Glen Echo Group; **Jason Levin**, ReadySetLaunch; **Patricia Paoletta**, HWG LLC; **Danielle Piñeres**, Planet; **Jennifer Tatel**, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP; and **Jennifer Warren**, Lockheed Martin.

All are welcome, but space is limited – don't miss this signature FCBA event!

Thanks to our Women's Summit Sponsors!

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To honor just a few of the legendary leaders who have made historic and indelible contributions in technology, media, and telecommunications, sponsorship is available at three levels:

- **Frieda Barkin Hennock** (first woman FCC Commissioner): \$6,000 (includes 3 registrations)
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TO SPONSOR:

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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, Spencer Banwart (fcjarticles@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 (fcj@law.gwu.edu).

FCBA CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION *on April 30*

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Internet & Television Association, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, and others to be announced. Over 100 Members and staff attended the last Congressional Reception.

Sponsorships of the event are available for \$1,000 and \$750, and include registrations to the reception. Sponsors will receive recognition at the event, in addition to being listed in the FCBA newsletter, in promotional emails, on the website, and on other social media outlets.

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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 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.

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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!



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Annual Seminar Sponsorship and Registration Information

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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- If you are signing up on behalf of a member, sign in using their credentials (username and password).
- **Step 1: Register the Primary Attendee first.**
- **Step 2: Complete the Attendee Info.**
- **Step 3: On the Attendee Selections screen, select the registration ticket.**
- **Step 4: Indicate if you are signing up for a Saturday afternoon activity.** These are optional and you may only select one since they occur at the same time. Additional fees apply.
- **Step 5: If you are not adding a guest, select Save and Finalize Registration.**
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- **Step 7: Repeat steps for all guests.**
- **Step 8: When all guest registrations are complete, click Save and Proceed to Checkout.**
- **Step 9: Make sure to check your cart in the top righthand corner before Proceeding to Confirmation.**

If you have any questions during the process, contact Elina at elina@fcba.org

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For information on the government stipends being offered, see [page 8](#).

The social side of the seminar will begin with a reception Friday evening followed by family dinner. After 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 breakfast in the Circular Dining Room. Saturday afternoon will feature FCBA golf and a group activity at Chocolate World, including a Create Your Own Candy Bar experience and a trolley ride through the town of Hershey. Saturday evening will feature a reception followed by a dinner buffet and evening activity. Sunday morning the seminar closes with breakfast in the Circular Dining Room.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Golf. Participate in the golf outing and enjoy an afternoon at the *Hershey Country Club*, a private, year-round destination for Members of all ages – steeped in a rich history and destined for a sweet tomorrow. Designed by Maurice McCarthy in 1930, the West Course is a traditional, yet ever-enjoyable course. Enjoy sweet, bird's-eye views of the town of Hershey as you play your way through a leisurely day of golf. The West Course requires all 14 clubs, making it great practice for golfers of all skill levels.

Customized Chocolate World Activity. Spend your afternoon experiencing Chocolate World and the famous trolley ride through the town of Hershey. Start off with the ever-popular Create Your Own Candy Bar experience. Dream up your perfect candy bar and watch it come to life, from flowing chocolate to solid bar. Choose your ingredients and design a personalized wrapper! Next join your conductor on an in-depth sightseeing and chocolate-tasting journey throughout



Hershey of today and years past. As you learn about the life of Milton Hershey, you'll visit all the historical sites in the town he created, from his birthplace and the original HERSHEY'S Chocolate factory to the famous HERSHEY'S KISSES streetlights and his historic home, Highpoint Mansion. After the tour, you are able to learn how tropical cocoa beans become world-famous HERSHEY'S Chocolate on our chocolate

factory tour ride. Also, visit the World's Largest HERSHEY'S Store!

GETTING THERE

The Hotel Hershey is about 2 ½ hours from DC by car without traffic. We **STRONGLY** advise that you leave very early on Friday morning (or even Thursday afternoon) to avoid traffic issues.

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ABOUT THE HOTEL HERSHEY

Known for its refined elegance, signature service, and abundant amenities, The Hotel Hershey, one of the finest Historic Hotels of America, is a must-visit destination in Chocolate Town® U.S.A.

The Hotel Hershey offers a variety of **activities** for the whole family. Make a splash in the indoor pool, set up a friendly game of basketball, volleyball, or tennis at the sports complex, and experience the great outdoors with miles of hiking trails and the falconry program. Deepen the experience with a soothing massage at **The Spa at Hershey**. To learn more about The Hotel Hershey and its many amenities and activities, go to: <https://www.thehotelhershey.com/>.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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offer these accomplished young people the opportunity to get a well-deserved pat on the back from senior members of the bar. Spread the word with newly admitted attorneys.

An FCBA event that has become a tradition—and which is always incredibly substantive and thought provoking—is our Women's Summit. Our formidable Women's Leadership Committee has, as always, done a tremendous job of planning our Sixth Annual event—all are welcome to join these important discussions about leadership and impact, and I look forward to seeing you there from 1 to 7 pm on April 3.

The room block is open and so is registration for our Annual Seminar at the Hotel Hershey May 16 to 18! The Annual Seminar is such a unique experience for our FCBA community. It's not every bar association that affords its members a chance to wear outrageously silly hats and/or to participate in karaoke

without judgment. OK, without much judgment. All that *in addition* to the best in substantive, educational programming and an unparalleled opportunity to hear from and chat with agency and Hill leadership and staffers who are shaping our TMT sector. I know time is precious and weekends are busy and fleeting. But invest in yourself. And bring the family!

There is still (but not much) time to avail your organization of our Platinum Sponsorship, which covers the Women's Summit, the Congressional Reception, the Annual Seminar, and the Spring Reception. I am grateful beyond measure to those who have stepped up to support our programming at the highest level: **AT&T Services, Covington & Burling LLP, HWG LLP, Wiley Rein LLP, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.**

As a Kathleen descended from the O'Reilly clan, I will be favoring green in my wardrobe this month and one of my moments of joy will derive from a multi-family Irish soda bread bake off from which I hope to emerge triumphant.

Reading Yeats in preparation for the annual ritual of celebrating my heritage, it struck me that this quote would be apt for use in recruiting FCBA members: *There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't met yet.*

Kathy Kirby
FCBA President 2024-2025

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.](#)

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Intellectual Property Committee

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: AI, Copyright, and Public Data

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 9](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

Atlanta Chapter

Event: Careers in Communications Law

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 19, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. ET

Location: Georgia State University College of Law, 85 Park Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Topic: Join us for lunch and an engaging panel discussion on Careers in Communications Law. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students, young professionals, and industry enthusiasts to gain insights into the career paths within communications law.

Speakers: Joshua Pila (Gray Media), Alysia Long (Cox Media Group), Charles Hudak (Friend Hudak)

*Lunch will be provided by GSU Law, but you must RSVP ahead of time.

[Click here to register.](#)

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 6](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

Engineering and Technical Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Spectrum Policy Developments for Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

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 7](#)

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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

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Intellectual Property Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-sponsored by the Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committee

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: AI, Copyright, and Public Data

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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New England Chapter

Event: Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m. Eastern

Location: Womble Bond Dickinson, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02210 and Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Data Privacy Legislation in New England. Join legislators, regulators, and industry executives to explore data privacy legislation in New England, including successes, challenges, and potential changes. This lunch and learn will feature engaging discussions with key stakeholders about their experience regarding data privacy legislation and regulation, and what they see as key to successful and effective data privacy laws.

Panelists: Charity Clark, Vermont Attorney General; James Maroney, Connecticut State Senator; Additional panelist(s) to be added

Moderator: Sarah Aceves, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office and FCBA New England Chapter co-chair

[Click here to register.](#)

Northern California Chapter

Event: NorCal Chapter Presents: Careers in Communications/Technology Law

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 1, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Pacific Time (7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Eastern)

Location: Virtual via the Zoom Platform

Topic: Are you a law student interested in pursuing a career in telecommunications/technology law or an early to mid-career professional looking for your next opportunity? Join the Northern California Chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association for a career panel with legal professionals from government, in-house, and law firms. Learn about how to build a career in communications and technology law that is personally and professionally rewarding!

Speakers: David Huang, Counsel, Davis Wright Tremaine; Scott Merrill, Senior Staff Counsel, California Public Utilities Commission; Josh Trauner, Associate General Counsel, Lumen Technologies

Moderator: Thaila Sundaresan, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine

[Click here to register.](#)

Professional Responsibility Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Ethics Issues for Difficult Times

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 8](#)

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Space and Global Communications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: Position, Navigation, and Timing: How the United States Can Find Itself Again

Cost: \$135.00 for Private Sector Members; \$95.00 for Non-Profit 501c3 Members; \$50.00 for Government/Academic/Transitional/Retired Members; No charge for Law Student Members; \$205.00 for Non-Members

For more information: See [page 6](#)

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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Co-Chair Election and Meeting
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).

More Information: 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 (jaime.mccoy13@gmail.com). [Click here to register.](#)

Event: Inaugural Swearing-In Celebration

Date/Time: Thursday, March 27, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Topic: Join the Young Lawyers Committee for a ceremony honoring the newest members of our FCBA community, as President Kathy Kirby presides over the ceremony and offers words of encouragement to all newly minted attorneys. Distinguished members of the legal community will also be in attendance to welcome and support the new class.

[Click here to register.](#)

FOUNDATION *News*



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.

Join the FCBA and FCBA Foundation on Social Media!

The FCBA and the FCBA Foundation invites you to "Like" and "Follow" our pages today to be in the loop for upcoming events, share fun pictures of your FCBA friends and colleagues, and grow your social media network! Come join the conversation!

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2025-2026 Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs

President-Elect **Matt DelNero** is beginning the process of identifying FCBA Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs for this coming year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). Please contact him (mdelnero@cov.com) and copy Stephanie Budaker (stephanie@fcba.org) by **Friday, May 2** if you are interested in serving, or would like to suggest someone else who might be interested.

National Telecommunications and Technology Moot Court Competition

The 31st 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 7 and 8, 2025.

The competition involved fourteen well-prepared teams who competed at the highest level of appellate advocacy competition: The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law (2 teams), Cleveland State University College of Law, Emory University School of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, George Washington University Law School, Howard University School of Law, New York University School of Law, Penn State Dickinson Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law (2 teams), University of Virginia School of Law, Villanova University, and Western State University College of Law.

Jacob Pintar and Brendan Donoghue from George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School placed first at the competition, winning the Best Overall award. Second Place went to Danielle Resheff, and Jessica Ford (Nicholas Tilmes Coach) from New York University School of Law. Danielle Resheff and Jessica Ford from New York University Law School won the Best Brief award, and the Best Oralist award went to Danielle Resheff.

This year's competition focused on the question whether the 1969 *Red Lion* decision has been finally put to pasture by technological changes in the broadcasting industry. The competitors were asked to address the First Amendment implications, along with a forfeiture order that required their analysis of the



CUA Vice Chancellor Oliva Wayman



Final Round 1 – Danielle Resheff



Final Round 2 – Jessica Ford



Best Brief (Danielle Resheff) and Best Oralist (Jessica Ford) from New York University Law School

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recent *Jarkesy* Supreme Court decision. The problem was drafted by the co-chairs of the FCBA's Moot Court Committee: Sara Baxenberg, Logan Bennett, Grant Gendron, Andrew Magloughlin, and Lee G. Petro.

A highlight of the competition was the final round panel presided over by Patrick Halley, President and CEO of the Wireless Infrastructure Association; David D. Oxenford, Partner at Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP; and Andrew J. Schwartzman, Senior Counselor at the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society. The competition would not have been made possible without CUA Law 2025 J.D. Candidate and Moot Court Association Vice Chancellor Olivia Wayman and Chancellor Jay-Jay McCargo.

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 LPetro@Dickinson-Wright.com if you are interested in serving on the committee this fall.

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First place and Best Overall: Jacob Pintar and Brendan Donoghue from George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School



Final Round 3 – Brendan Donoghue



Final Round 4 – Jacob Pintar



Final Round Judges: Patrick Halley, Andy Swartzman, and David Oxenford

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THANKS TO OUR MOOT COURT FCBA MEMBER JUDGES!

Oral argument judges were: Keenan Adamchak, Melissa Alba, Pamela Arluk, Sara Baxenberg, Eileen Breslin, Deborah Broderson, Jeff Carlisle, Drew Clark, Peter Connolly, Matt Furlow, Grant Gendron, Michael Janson, Bob Keller, Angie Kronenberg, Kelly Laughlin, Christopher Libertelli, Andrew Magloughlin, Alexi Maltas, Andrew Manley, Colleen McCroskey, Jackson McNeal, Joe Price, Stacey Sutton, Sal Taillefer, and Rachel Wolkowitz.

Brief judges were: Helen Marie Berg, Jeff Carlisle, Lisa Fowlkes, Jonathan Garvin, Shabbir Hamid, Brian Hurley, Chris Koves, John Nelson, Joe Price, and Moira Smith



Save the Date for the 2025 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.

Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

Keith Buell

By: Laura Phillips

Keith Buell is no stranger to telecom law and policy. He is currently the General Counsel and Head of Global Public Policy for Numeracle, a company founded in 2018 to restore trust in electronic communications. Numeracle's stated mission is that every entity on Earth and every person on the planet should know with certainty with whom they're communicating electronically. The company is working to verify the identity of communications originators and pass that information to the handset of the recipient so that when the phone rings or a message pops up claiming to be "Your Bank," the recipient knows it is really from their bank and not originated by a fraudster. Over the course of his career, Keith has worked in private law practice, in house and at the FCC and I was happy to have the chance to interview him.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I fell into telecom law by accident. I went to law school wanting to be a First Amendment lawyer but didn't get an offer out of law school from the firms that did that type of work in DC. My dream job would have been defending the media in defamation lawsuits.

I did general litigation for a few years at a big DC law firm, Arnold & Porter, and then got a call from a headhunter that Verizon was looking for an in-house litigator. Those jobs are hard to come by, and to me, making that change was a no-brainer. My daughter was a year old at the time and I'd spent way too much of her first year traveling. Verizon was a great company, better hours, more money, shorter commute. My work at Verizon was a blend of telecom work (intercarrier compensation litigation, pole attachment disputes, etc.) and non-telecom (routine breach of contract cases, construction disputes, vehicle accidents and other torts).

I later moved to Sprint, and unsurprisingly, there was a lot of overlap in issues and cases. In fact, two adverse parties thought I had switched companies just to prejudice them. I can assure everyone that I took seriously my confidentiality and other professional obligations and that my move was motivated by career advancement and not to complicate any litigation!

In assessing my path, I have to say that while I enjoy telecom legal work, I honestly think I could have been just as happy taking other pathways available in the legal profession.

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

A: I've had the rare distinction of having been an attorney—either in house or outside counsel—for all four of the major US wireless providers. I did a small amount of work at Arnold & Porter for AT&T, then went in-house at Verizon. I moved to Sprint in 2012 and joined their federal regulatory team. After the Sprint/T-Mobile merger, I stayed with T-Mobile for about six months then joined Tata Communications, an India-based global telecom provider.

I gained a deep respect for the FCC both institutionally and for the staff through my policy work at Sprint. So, it's not a surprise that I jumped at the chance to join the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau when a position opened up. At that point I thought I'd settled in for a long career in government service, but when Numeracle needed a general counsel, I couldn't say no to that opportunity. I had met Numeracle's founder and CEO at an anti-robocall conference in 2018, and it turned out that I had the perfect combination of policy experience and industry connections to be a great match for the job.

Working as the general counsel of a small company that has grown from 30 to 70 employees during my two years there has been eye opening. While I had a strong background in telecom policy and litigation, I've had to learn employment law, corporate governance, IP, and many other subjects on the fly. Being exposed to new subjects has made me a better lawyer—even in the areas I thought I already knew quite well.

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

A: Not at all! I know very few people at my point in their careers who are where they thought they'd be. While assessing what you are doing and whether it is consistent with your general career aspirations and goals is important, it may well be that the original path you set off on may not have been the best one for you anyway. And it is never too late to make modifications or set a new direction.

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

A: The biggest challenge has been transitioning my advocacy skills from representing large companies that are used to using somewhat bland language to finally having the freedom to say things how I want to say them. At Sprint, I always threw in a controversial phrase or idea in my drafts just to make sure my boss was reading my work carefully. He always found the hidden surprise and usually toned it down. Now, I have the freedom to say what I want and how I want, which is liberating. One example of this is Numeracle's comments on robocall labeling in 2023; it may have been the first FCC comments ever to incorporate a Far Side cartoon.

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

A: I consider myself lucky that in my professional career at a big firm, several large corporations, a startup, and

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the federal government, I've never had a serious ethical quandary. My employers and clients were assertive in defending their legal rights, but all took solid positions backed by precedent and acknowledged their ethical responsibilities. I do not know if my experience is rare within the legal profession, but I appreciate that those around me throughout my career consistently have done the right thing.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: My daughter has been bugging me since she was 13 to read her favorite book—Dostoyevsky's *Brothers Karamazov*. I'm finally most of the way through it. Most of my reading for fun recently has been while I've been on vacation as reading at bedtime makes me fall asleep instantly!

That said, my bookshelf is mostly nonfiction. I've got books on everything from home repair to Ancient Egyptian language to studio photography. I've got tons of hobbies and have mastered none of them, but I always buy enough books to learn what I can.

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

A: No pun intended, I fell into this by accident, but I'm a skydiving coach and have been on a competitive skydiving team. I've amassed a total of 700 jumps. I've also done three Ironman triathlons and have recently renewed my interest in scuba diving. I guess I can say that I get bored just sitting at a desk.

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

A: Get to know people! Having been on both sides of hiring and being hired, I've come to realize that establishing a broad network of contacts not only helps lawyers advocate for their clients, but it's also the best way to advocate for themselves. Next time you're at a large FCBA event, take a moment to realize that your next boss could very easily be somebody in the room.

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

A: I haven't spent more than a handful of days in an office since COVID, and I appreciate the flexibility of working from home or from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection. Numeracle is driving toward an exit sale, and I hope after that to have the financial freedom to join a non-profit or advocacy group and pay it forward.

During the early days of COVID when we had no place to go and nothing to do, I decided to build a replica tube guitar amp and guitar. I got some books and watched a few YouTube videos, and now I can play a perfect replica of a 1951 Fender Telecaster on a replica 1957 Fender Custom Deluxe amp. Unfortunately, they've been gathering dust recently as the world has opened back up and I'm busier than ever with work and hobbies that revolve around being outside of home. And honestly, I'm much better at building musical instruments than playing them.

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

A: I'd been to some FCBA events for years, but I only recently joined as a member, which I highly recommend. The combination of networking events like receptions and the Annual Seminar, as well as numerous CLEs, brown bags and other continuing education has been invaluable to me as the general counsel of a small company like Numeracle. And as I noted above, the FCBA provides so many opportunities to connect with others in informal settings which I think is one key to successful professional development. So it's a no-brainer.

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.

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](#).**

FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

(as of 2/28/25)

Beatriz Albornoz, Verizon
Ian Barlow, Wiley Rein LLP
Rochelle Cohen, FCC
Elodie Currier Stoffel, Willkie Farr &
Gallagher LLP
Michael Dienhart

Sophie Draayer
Brandon Latham, Donahue Tucker &
Ciandella PLLC
Lily Roche
Brooke Sause
Delaney Wood

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Curtis Groves, **Mia Hayes**
Kathy Kirby, **Katherine B. Miller**,
Anthony Patrone, **Morgan Reeds**

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.

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If you have any questions, please email Kerry Loughney (kerry@fcba.org).

Calendar

March 17	CLE Seminar: The FCC's Outage Reporting Regime: A Review of Enforcement and Compliance Challenges
March 19	Atlanta Chapter Lunch: Careers in Communications Law
March 19	Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Election and Meeting
March 25	New England Lunch and Learn: Data Privacy Legislation in New England
March 27	Young Lawyers Committee Inaugural Swearing-In Celebration
March 28	The Federal Communications Law Journal Annual Symposium
April 1	Northern California Chapter Event: Careers in Communications/Technology Law
April 2	CLE Seminar: Position, Navigation, and Timing: How the United States Can Find Itself Again
April 3	FCBA Sixth Annual Women's Summit
April 29	CLE Seminar: Spectrum Policy Developments for Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
April 30	FCBA Congressional Reception
May 6	CLE Seminar: Ethics Issues for Difficult Times
May 16-18	FCBA Annual Seminar at the Hotel Hershey
May 21	CLE Seminar: AI, Copyright, and Public Data
June 24	FCBA Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
December 3	FCBA Annual Dinner