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Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

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James Bradshaw and Joel Taubenblatt Selected to Receive 2025 FCBA Excellence in Government Service Award

James Bradshaw and **Joel Taubenblatt** have been selected to receive the FCBA's 18th annual award for outstanding government service. The award was first given in 2008 to recognize individuals with long-term careers in federal government in the communications field who are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in public service.

Jim Bradshaw is the Senior Deputy Chief of the Media Bureau's Audio Division, where he oversees all engineering matters within the Division. He joined the Audio Division in 1991 and has held several leadership roles, including serving as Deputy Chief for Engineering before being promoted to his current position.

Jim specializes in the licensing and permitting of commercial and non-commercial FM



James Bradshaw



Joel Taubenblatt

radio, FM translators, and Low Power FM (LPFM). Jim works with a dedicated team of engineers, attorneys, and analysts—each contributing specialized knowledge to support the Division's mission. His engineering team is

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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



Westfields Golf Course

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

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2025 TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- Boxed lunch will be available.
- Shotgun start will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by a delicious post-round buffet dinner!

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Upcoming Key Events

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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Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee Lunch and Learn

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ET

Location: In-Person:

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, 1800 M St NW, Suite 800

Topic: Meet the FCC's Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

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International Telecommunications Committee CLE

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Hot Topics in International Telecom Law Series: Emerging Transnational Data Challenges in Tech and Telecom and How to Solve for Them

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To Update Your Membership Contact Information

To update your contact information, log in to your **member account** and click the About or My Profile sections. **If you are changing your membership type/category (e.g. Private Sector to Government; Law Student to Private Sector, etc.), you must email Elina Gross (elina@fcba.org) so she can update it.**

PRESIDENT'S Message

For me, one of life's great pleasures is strolling along, having a strawberry ice cream cone on a day when you can viscerally feel summer coming. It's May! Savoring such a moment recently, I reflected on the events of this past month—I experienced so many kinds of emotions. A celebration of the retirement of two long-time public servants from the FCC, each of whom has played a significant role in my career—it was incredibly meaningful to witness the affection and esteem expressed by their colleagues, and the eagerness of their families to share a new chapter with their loved ones. It was my great privilege and pleasure to deliver the news of their selection as this year's FCBA Excellence in Government Service Award recipients to Jim Bradshaw and Joel Taubenblatt, two gentlemen (in every sense of the word) whom I have admired and respected for some years. The nomination letters they received from their colleagues were priceless.



In recent weeks, I've supported some of my treasured colleagues as they transitioned to new career opportunities, celebrated as others welcomed new babies into the world (whether as parents or grandparents), marveled at the strength and determination of friends faced with serious health challenges. So many emotions. Life.

FCBA continues to provide a rich part of my life. I thoroughly enjoyed our Congressional Reception and I am grateful to each of our co-hosts and sponsors, as well as to NCTA for welcoming us into their space. Our featured speaker, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, was gracious with her time and called us all out for being nerds—but she counts herself among us! If she'd asked for a show of hands from those who've had the spectrum chart she lovingly referenced on their office wall at one time or another, I think we'd easily have had a majority. In the space of a few hours of reception mingling, I was reminded once again why FCBA is so important to me—connections. A lovely conversation about mutual connections newly discovered. New job! First child on the way! Can you help me with transition? Did you hear . . . ? I finally saw one of my Random Coffee matches—we've both been so busy, our scheduling efforts have failed. But we clink wineglasses and decide to try to upgrade to lunch. Reminisced about a notorious and memorable moment at a past mentor supper. So many generous offers of help from FCBA members. And just like that, the strains of Semisonic over the speakers—I had to smile that *Closing Time* is an apt nudge for our crowd when it's time to go. Nicely done, NCTA.

In a little over a month it will be time for me to go as FCBA President—and that's your reminder to VOTE. There are no bad choices – thank you to each and every one of our candidates standing for FCBA Leadership.



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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.

This CLE will provide 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:

1. How copyright law applies to AI training on public data
2. The implications of The New York Times lawsuit and similar legal challenges
3. 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.

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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 – 12:05 p.m.
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

12:05 – 1:00 p.m.
AI TRAINING AND WHY IT COULD RAISE COPYRIGHT CONCERNS

Speakers:

Daniel Gervais, Director, Vanderbilt Intellectual Property Program, Vanderbilt University Law School

Babis Marmanis, Chief Technology Officer and Vice President, Engineering, Copyright Clearance Center

Additional speakers to be announced

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

Speakers:

Priya Nair, Senior IP Counsel & IP Fellowship Manager, INF, ACT | The App Association

Additional speakers to be announced

Wednesday, May 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET Hot Topics in International Telecom Law Series: Emerging Transnational Data Challenges in Tech and Telecom and How to Solve for Them

The FCBA International Telecommunications Committee will sponsor a CLE on Wednesday, May 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET entitled **Hot Topics in International Telecom Law Series: Emerging Transnational Data Challenges in Tech and Telecom and How to Solve for Them**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Daudeline Meme, Vice President & Managing Associate General Counsel, Federal Regulatory & International Public Policy, Verizon

2:05 – 3:00 p.m.

EMERGING CHALLENGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE

This panel will discuss the legal landscape governing cross-border data privacy, fraud and security, including legal frameworks, international compliance requirements, data security, subsea cables, emerging trends and best practices.

Moderator:

E. Barlow Keener, Of Counsel, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP

Speakers:

Josh Bercu, Senior Vice President, Policy, USTelecom

Leah A. Druckerman, Counsel, Venable LLP

Grace Koh, Vice President, Government Affairs, Ciena

Kathleen E. Scott, Partner, Wiley

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

AI IMPACTS ON PRIVACY AND INTERNATIONAL DATA GOVERNANCE

This panel will discuss the impact of AI on privacy and international data governance, including portability, data flows, legal frameworks, international compliance requirements, emerging trends and best practices.

Moderator:

Stacey Weber, Associate, DLA Piper

Speakers:

Delara Derakhshani, Directory of Policy, Data Transfer Initiative

Shaundra Watson, Senior Director of Policy, Business Software Alliance

Ashton Seip Madigan, Legal Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Deloitte

Cobun Zweifel-Keegan, Managing Director, IAPP

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).

2025 FCBA Election Voting Closes June 4!

Voting for the 2025 FCBA election will close at 11:00 a.m. on June 4, 2025. The online voting process is both simple and quick, allows you to review your vote before clicking on the green SUBMIT button to cast your ballot, and gives you a receipt confirming that your vote was cast. The ballot has a photo of each candidate as well as a link that will take you to their FCBA biographical information.

On May 5, all members eligible to vote in the election received an email from FCBA Executive Director Kerry Loughney with their username, password, and the link needed to access the election voting website. Please note that the voting does not happen on the FCBA website.

The election winners will be announced at the FCBA Annual Meeting, will be listed on the FCBA website following the Annual Meeting, and will be announced in the July FCBA newsletter.

If you did not receive the email with your username and password, have problems with your username, password, or gaining access to the ballot, please contact Kerry Loughney at kerry@fcba.org.

Please take time to support the candidates by voting in the election.

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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responsible for reviewing and processing the continuous stream of applications related to station modifications, licenses, new station construction permits, and various other notifications and requests for temporary authority.

Jim has provided his technical expertise in several recent rulemaking proceedings, including those focused on digital radio and relaxing the FM directional antenna rules, among others. Over the past two decades, he has overseen nearly all of the Division's new station filing windows, which have facilitated the licensing of thousands of new FM, FM translator, and LPFM stations across the United States.

Earlier in his career, Jim was instrumental in the development and implementation

of the Bureau's first electronic filing and database system, the Consolidated Database System (CDBS). More recently, he has been actively involved in the creation and evolution of other important Bureau database and electronic filing systems, including the Licensing and Management System (LMS) and the Online Public Inspection File (OPIF).

Jim lives in Maryland with his wife and two children.

Joel Taubenblatt is the Acting Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). WTB is responsible for wireless telecommunications programs and policies in the United States and its territories, including licensing and regulatory functions. Mr. Taubenblatt previously held several leadership positions in the Bureau, including Deputy Bureau Chief, Chief of the

Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, and Chief of the Broadband Division. He has overseen a range of Commission proceedings and activities related to spectrum management, network infrastructure, and deployment of communications services.

Mr. Taubenblatt joined the FCC in 1996 as an attorney in the Common Carrier Bureau, and he is a recipient of the FCC's Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Career Service. He received a Juris Doctorate from the Duke University School of Law, a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts and Sciences.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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My thoughts turn from strawberry to chocolate as I plan for the short drive to Hershey for our Annual Seminar. What an incredible lineup we've got—check out the agenda. Our planning committee has outdone themselves with Hill, FCC, think tank and industry perspectives on our most topical issues. As well as time for fun. And making those connections.

Our chapters and substantive committees continue to focus on superior educational programming—please take a look at the upcoming CLEs and sign up today.

We'll be finishing the FCBA year strong in June, starting with a wonderful celebration of the 5th Anniversary of our TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program on June 3 at AT&T. So many of our FCBA members have made a difference in the lives of

the students who have participated in the Pipeline and Certificate Programs, and I hope to see many of you as we reflect on the success of this signature FCBA program. And stay tuned for our Annual Luncheon which, among other things, affords us all an opportunity to applaud the work of our remarkable FCBA Foundation and to meet some of our deserving scholarship and stipend winners (each year, this is a moment when I feel most proud to belong to the FCBA), our Spring Reception at which we'll honor our Excellence in Government Service Award recipients, and our Annual Golf Tournament on June 24.

Grab those moments of delight when you can, FCBA, and I look forward to spending some time with you at our upcoming events.

Kathy Kirby
FCBA President 2024-2025

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- Beverage Cart Sponsorship \$500: Full page ad in the event program and signage on the beverage cart.
- Company Hole Sponsorship \$300: Full page ad in the event program. Hole signage.
- Individual Hole Sponsorship \$250: Full page ad in the event program. Hole signage.

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 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](#).
- Once logged in, click on “My Profile” and then “My Account” buttons on the top left menu bar.
- Scroll down to the Additional Information section. Select Yes in response to the **FCLJ Subscription - Hard Copy Format** question.
- Click on “Save Changes”, and you're done!

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

Save the Dates for the 2025 Annual Dinner and the 2025 Charity Auction!

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.

Also, mark your calendar for the **36th Annual FCBA/FCBA Foundation Charity Auction** that will be held on **Thursday, October 30, 2025** at the Hamilton Live, 600 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Keep an eye out for more details on the beneficiary, sponsorships, and donation information.



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 3](#)
[Click here to register.](#)

Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn
Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ET
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Wellness Committee

Event: Healthy Happy Hour & Relaxation Yoga
Date/Time: Monday, June 16 - Happy Hour starts at 6:30; yoga class 7:30-8:15
Location: Equinox Sports Club, 1170 22nd Street NW, Washington DC 20037
Description: The Wellness Committee of the FCBA invites you to join us for a healthy happy hour, followed by a relaxing gentle yoga class! Come share wellness tips and strategies with fellow FCBA members, and stay for a beginner-friendly yoga class that will leave you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. Attendance will also come with a complimentary 2-day Equinox membership. Happy Hour is generously sponsored by Wilkinson Barker Knauer. Class is limited to 30 participants, so RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your spot!
[Click here to register.](#)

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 16** if you are interested in serving, or would like to suggest someone else who might be interested.

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FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program: Graduation, Celebration, Summer Series!

On April 16, 2025, we proudly hosted the TMT Law & Policy Certification Program Graduation, celebrating the remarkable achievements of 31 students who successfully completed this year's rigorous certification program. Joined by friends, family, and supporters, our graduates were

honored for their dedication to mastering the complexities of the technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) legal landscape. This event served not only as a recognition of academic accomplishment, but also as a testament to the growing momentum of our pipeline initiative.

As we continue to expand and evolve, we are thrilled to mark a major milestone—our 5-Year Anniversary. We look forward to honoring the accomplishments of our students, alumni, and partners whose commitment has propelled the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program to national prominence.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce our 2025 Summer Series, a curated lineup of programming designed to extend the learning and networking opportunities for current students throughout the summer months. Look out for opportunities to support or participate in our 2025 Summer Series.

With each milestone, our mission to build a dynamic legal community in the TMT field grows stronger. We thank all who continue to support and champion our students on their path to success.

Representing Your Local Broadcaster Program

On April 6, 2025, the ABA's Forum on Communications Law and the FCBA joined together for the 41st time for Representing Your Local Broadcaster" CLE, entitled "The Broadcast Amusement Park." More than 90 communications lawyers enjoyed the roller coaster of legal fun as they learned about enforcement, litigation, AI, and other futuristic topics.



Shawn Chang

By: Laura Phillips

Shawn Chang has been working in and around Washington D.C. ever since he graduated from college and started out on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant, moving onto more substantive Hill roles, law school, law firms and more. He is currently the Senior Vice President for Telecom, Media, and Tech (TMT) Policy at Washington Analysis, LLC, which was acquired by CFRA Research about 4 years ago. Washington Analysis is a leading independent institutional research firm dedicated to anticipating and analyzing changes in public policy that impact financial markets. It serves about 250 institutional clients across hedge funds, mutual funds, and alternative managers. Shawn has been with Washington Analysis since just March of this year and he is approaching TMT issues a bit differently in this new role, learning about how the worlds of telecom law, regulation and policies intersect with that of the global financial community. I was so glad we had the chance to connect and reflect on his career perspectives.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: My first job out of college was to work for a member of Congress as a staff assistant. As a junior staffer, I was given the portfolio of covering several “junk” issues for that office at the time, including issues related to media and telecommunications. One of the first things that got me really interested in TMT policy was learning about how, through a single sentence, Congress eliminated the national radio ownership cap in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, thinking that it would increase competition. Of course, the elimination of the rule paved the way for a rush of consolidation of radio station ownership across the country in the late ‘90s. This in turn led to the rise of syndicated talk radio shows that I think really influenced the political discourse of our nation. I think understanding the interplay between democracy and control of the mediums that disseminate news and information really got me interested in the field of communications.

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

A: I spent a total of 12 years working for Congress, with 6 of those years working for House members’ personal offices as a legislative assistant and another 6 years working for the Energy

and Commerce Committee as counsel on communications and technology. I had intended to go to law school right out of college and I was accepted, but the Congressional staff assistant job seemed like such a great opportunity to expose me to a wide variety of issue areas that I took it and deferred law school for two years. Like many others on the Hill that decide to go to law school, I took the part-time, four-year path to my degree, while still working. In between working for personal Congressional offices and the Committee office, I worked for the public interest advocacy group Free Press for almost a year while I was finishing up my law degree and taking the bar exam.

I knew at some point I wanted to work as a “real” law firm lawyer, at least for a while. When my Committee Chair retired, it gave me the opportunity to explore the law firm world. I was fortunate to join Wiley Rein as a counsel; and I was promoted to partner two years later. I was with the firm for almost a decade. It was a great experience and after taking a little time off I joined Washington Analysis as SVP on TMT policies earlier this year.

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

A: Yes, more or less. I’ve always wanted a diverse set of public and private sector experiences, so I’m glad

to have worked for the House Energy and Commerce Committee focused on communications and technology. I “retired” from the Committee once Chair Henry Waxman retired but I was fortunate to work at Wiley alongside some of the best colleagues who are all experts in the TMT legal practice. I’m excited about my new role and all the new things I am learning from my talented new colleagues about finance, the vast array of financial products and services. This all helps to better inform my TMT work for clients. And there are still some career adventures in front of me, I am sure.

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

A: I think the most interesting challenge is doing the deep dives to understand a brand-new set of investment terms and to really learn how the stock market works – not just in the U.S. but globally. Whether it’s the mechanics of short selling or pre-market stock trading, it has been both interesting and challenging getting to know the world of institutional investors and to understand what is of most interest to them, particularly as they are as varied as the clients one might serve in a large law firm.

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

A: I have been most impressed by two members of Congress that I worked for – Senator Tammy Baldwin and House Energy and Commerce Chairman Henry Waxman. Tammy showed me how an elected official can remain an authentic person and stay true to herself while doing an outstanding job representing diverse constituencies. Henry showed me that a true leader is not afraid to surround themselves with talented people who are not afraid to speak their minds to offer the best advice, even if that advice isn’t exactly what the leader might ideally want to hear.

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Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

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Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: My most enjoyable reading comes not from books but from long-form journalism such as articles found in the New Yorker, the New York Times Magazine, and the Atlantic.

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

A: Well, I think my hobby is one that not many people in the FCBA share and it started back during my childhood in Taiwan. There were many companies such as Mattel back then making action figures in factories in Taiwan and due to her job my mother was able to give me samples of these figures, like early Masters of the Universe figures. This started me on a path to collecting action figures that continues to this day. I think they represent for me a bit of nostalgia. I won't tell you how many I have or my favorites. They do make interesting office accessories.

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: Sometimes you can become immobilized by a fear of failure, and that stops you from taking necessary risks in your professional life. Recognize that feeling and don't be afraid to try and fail. I always learn so much more from my failures than my successes. Embracing failure is an essential part of the learning process that enables you to move beyond the simple win-or-lose mindset and grow.

Another piece of advice is not to be afraid to ask questions. I have often found that some of the smartest, most knowledgeable people I've come across ask the most questions because they know they don't know everything.

Q: How has your life changed as a result of COVID-19?

A: I definitely got more used to and comfortable working from home!

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

A: I've been a member of the FCBA since around 2009. I feel that even back then the FCBA did a good job holding forums and events that allowed me to connect with other TMT practitioners. As a hill staffer you are often limited to meeting with only lobbyists and other staffers. FCBA forums and events allowed me to branch out and meet in-house lawyers at companies, trade associations, and law firms who have been so helpful to me as I transitioned from one job to another. It has provided me with a network of wonderful contacts throughout the TMT ecosystem and many great friendships. FCBA membership has been invaluable to me when it comes to networking, career development, and deepening my understanding of specific issues. Being part of the FCBA means that I am part of a community, a community made up of individuals that respect and support each other. You can't do much better than that!

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.

In **MEMORIAM**

Lawrence N. Cohn (1943-2025)

Lawrence N. Cohn (Larry), a long-time member of the FCBA, died on March 27, 2025, after a long battle with cancer.

Born on September 3, 1943, in Washington, D.C., Larry graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Carleton College in Northfield, MN, and Cornell Law School.

Larry's entire career was with the Cohn and Marks law firm, which his father, Marcus Cohn, founded in 1946. Larry joined the firm shortly after his graduation from law school in 1968 and retired from the firm in 2015.

Larry was a dedicated runner in prior years, and an avid reader of history and politics which he loved discussing. He enjoyed swinging kettlebells, and he and his buddies spent many happy hours together on the racquetball court.

He was a regular attendee at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, which played a central role for him during the latter years of his life.

Larry is survived by his wife, Rita; his son, Matthew Cohn (Nicole); his daughter Leah Cohn (Devlin); his sister, Barbara Cohn (Bill); and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Susan Cohn.

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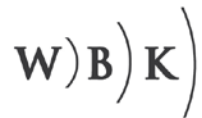
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