

# fcba NEWS

Newsletter of the Federal Communications Bar Association

## JUNE 2025

### FCBA Summer Reception to be held on June 23

The FCBA is pleased to announce that it will hold its Summer Reception on **Monday, June 23** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the National Association of Broadcasters, 1 M Street, SE, Washington, DC.

**James Bradshaw** and **Joel Taubenblatt** have been selected to receive the FCBA's 18th annual award for outstanding government service, which will be presented during the reception.

Gold and Silver sponsorships of the reception are available for \$1,000 and \$750 and include registrations to the reception. In addition, sponsors will receive recognition for their support, including being listed in the FCBA



James Bradshaw



Joel Taubenblatt

newsletter, on the website and other social media outlets, and in emails. Individual tickets to the reception also may be purchased.

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Westfields Golf Course

### 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

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### FCBA Annual Lunch featuring DAAG William Rinner on June 18

The FCBA will be holding a luncheon in conjunction with its annual meeting on **Wednesday, June 18**. The program will include announcement of the FCBA election results and recognition of FCBA Foundation scholarship and internship awardees, followed by remarks from William (Bill) Rinner, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Head of Merger Enforcement, Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. The luncheon will be held at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Registration is due Friday, June 13.



William Rinner

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### Upcoming Key Events

#### Transactional Committee CLE Seminar

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 30, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

**Topic:** Team Telecom:

Protecting the Digital Infrastructure that Powers AI

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#### Wellness Committee Healthy Happy Hour & Relaxation Yoga

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Yoga Class 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. ET

**Location:** Equinox Sports Club, 1170 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

**Thanks** to Hogan Lovells US LLP for hosting the happy hour!

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#### Young Lawyers Committee Coffee Break

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. ET

**Location:** Hogan Lovells US LLP, 555 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**Topic:** Connect with colleagues over coffee and breakfast treats. Thanks to Hogan Lovells US LLP for hosting our first coffee break!

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#### Event: Happy Hour with Pets

**Date/Time:** Thursday, July 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. ET

**Location:** Dog Daze Social Club, 1100 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**Topic:** Join the Young Lawyers Committee for a spin on our traditional happy hour -- this time with your furry companions!

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## PRESIDENT'S Message

My mom always said I was happiest when digging in the dirt. I remember running to her one spring with a magazine page illustration of a child's colorful garden. Please, please, Mom, may I create this? I was absolutely over the moon when my parents allowed me to dig up a bit of our Long Island sod for my own flower bed. We made a trip to the nursery to pick up soil and nutrients, a selection of seeds to grow posies befitting a little girl, a rose bush, and a hydrangea. By June, I was marveling at how the promise of my first garden became a reality, and I can still summon the scent of the pretty pink roses that were one of the rewards for my diligent care.



Decades later, digging in the dirt and tending to my garden still bring me great joy. I know I'm old-fashioned but, in many ways, I think FCBA as a vibrant, thriving, garden, with strong roots nurtured by the time, talent, generosity, and the support of our members. We plant seeds for new ideas and celebrate the blossoming of meaningful initiatives. We actively cultivate many plant varieties, textures, and colors. We branch out purposefully.

As any seasoned gardener knows, however, without fail, you encounter variables you can't predict. For your garden to remain strong and resilient, you must adapt as conditions change. As I enter this last month of my FCBA Presidency, I am proud to say that, despite being faced with a number of such variables this past year, our organization remains strong—true to its mission of education, mentorship, networking, and service, and an important avenue of support for our members as they've confronted career challenges and changes.

That our Tech Bar thrives is testament to the care and feeding of many. My fellow officers Matt DelNero, Mia Hayes, Johanna Thomas, Russ Hanser, and Jennifer Schneider are dedicated to the future of FCBA and its members, and they have been my sustenance. Similarly, I was graced with an exceptionally strong Executive Committee, and I thank each member for their thoughtfulness and wise counsel. Our Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs were like sunshine, working diligently to create programming that allowed us all to grow. Thank you to FCBA Foundation Chairs Van Bloys and Karen Sprung and the entire Board of Trustees for the work that represents FCBA's heart. And none of what we do would be possible without the sponsors who give so generously to nourish FCBA's efforts.

Our incomparable Executive Director Kerry Loughney and her staff—Stephanie Budaker, Wendy Parish, and Elina Gross—are our bedrock. What a pleasure it has been to work with this group of talented women, who punch far above their weight and make everything in which they are involved exceptional. I also want to thank Stephanie Rigizadeh, my bright young colleague at Wiley, for her enthusiasm, creativity, for keeping me on track, and for being right there with the water when I was wilting.

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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 ([fcljarticles@law.gwu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:fclj@law.gwu.edu)).

### Monday, June 30, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET Team Telecom: Protecting the Digital Infrastructure that Powers A.I.

The FCBA Transactional Practice Committee will sponsor a CLE on Monday, June 30, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET entitled **Team Telecom: Protecting the Digital Infrastructure that Powers A.I.** The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

The link and materials will be emailed to attendees an hour prior to the start of the program.

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](mailto:elina@fcba.org).

### Agenda

The Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector, commonly known as Team Telecom, is a multi-agency committee comprised of the Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security that reviews certain applications involving companies regulated by the FCC for national security and law enforcement considerations. This CLE will provide an overview of Team Telecom, including the importance of the committee in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and will discuss some of the current issues in Team Telecom practice and policy.

#### 12:00 – 12:10 p.m.

#### WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF TEAM TELECOM

This session will provide an overview of Team Telecom's mission to assess national security and law enforcement risk arising from foreign investment in the U.S. telecommunications sector, Executive Order 13913 (which established Team Telecom), how Team Telecom operates in reviews and in the monitoring and compliance phase, and major Team Telecom recommendations.

*Speaker:*

**Betsy McIntyre**, Former Attorney Advisor, DOJ National Security Division

#### 12:10 – 1:00 p.m.

#### WHY TEAM TELECOM IS IMPORTANT IN THE AI AGE

This panel will discuss submarine cables and why they are important to the development of artificial intelligence, market trends in the submarine cable industry, and national security risks associated with submarine cables.

*Moderator:*

**Betsy McIntyre**, Former Attorney Advisor, DOJ National Security Division

*Speakers:*

**Ian Brasure**, Assistant General Counsel, DHS (invited)

**Lane Burdette**, Research Analyst, Telegeography

**Justin Sherman**, CEO, Global Cyber Strategies

**Brent Bombach**, Vice President, Head of Government Relations and Public Policy, NEC

#### 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

#### CURRENT TOPICS IN TEAM TELECOM PRACTICE AND POLICY

This session will feature practitioners and federal regulators to explore recent trends in Team Telecom practice and policy.

*Moderator:*

**Stephen Conley**, Associate, Wiley Rein LLP

*Speakers:*

**Daniel Brooks**, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

**Rick Sofield**, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

**David Krech**, Associate Division Chief, Office of International Affairs, FCC (invited)

**Hunter Deeley**, Acting Chief of Staff & Assistant Bureau Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC

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## FCBA SUMMER RECEPTION

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Please contact Elina ([elina@fcba.org](mailto:elina@fcba.org)) with any questions.

### REGISTRATION FEES

- FCBA Private Sector Member: \$145.00 each
- FCBA Non-Profit 501c3 Member: \$120.00 each
- FCBA Government/Academic/Retired/Transitional Member: \$65.00 each
- FCBA Law Student Member: \$45.00 each
- FCBA Non-Member: \$250.00

## FCBA ANNUAL LUNCH

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Guests may arrive at 11:40 a.m. and the luncheon will begin at Noon.

[Click here to register for a Table of 10 or an Individual Ticket.](#)

\*For an Organization Table of 10, there is no need for guests to register separately. FCBA does not need a list of table guests, and there will be no physical tickets or check-in for this event.

If you have any questions, please contact Elina Gross at [elina@fcba.org](mailto:elina@fcba.org).

## Thanks to our Summer Reception Sponsors!

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William (Bill) Rinner serves as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Head of Merger Enforcement. Before re-joining the Antitrust Division, he was Senior Regulatory Counsel at Apollo Global Management, Inc., and was responsible for overseeing antitrust and various other regulatory matters. From 2017-2020, Bill served at the Antitrust Division first as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, and subsequently as Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel. Earlier in his career, Bill practiced antitrust law at two major national firms. After law school, he clerked for Hon. Richard Posner of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He received a J.D. from Yale Law School, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

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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.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT!](#)

### 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!

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Eagle Club Foursome: Participation in an exclusive "Tournament Within a Tournament" competition to win the coveted Eagle Club trophy. Full page ad in the event program and top-level recognition in all event advertising before and after the tournament.
- 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](mailto:HGola@Wiley.Law)) and Lee G. Petro ([LPetro@Dickinson-Wright.com](mailto:LPetro@Dickinson-Wright.com)) if you want to contribute or would like to help organize the event.

## 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](mailto:elina@fcba.org)) so she can update it.**

## COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

### Transactional Committee

**Event:** CLE Seminar

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 30, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

**Location:** Virtual via the Zoom platform

**Topic:** Team Telecom: Protecting the Digital Infrastructure that Powers AI

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

**For more information:** See [page 4](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

### Wellness Committee

**Event:** Healthy Happy Hour & Relaxation Yoga

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 16; Happy Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.; Yoga Class 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. ET

**Location:** Equinox Sports Club, 1170 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

**Topic:** 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!

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### Young Lawyers Committee

**Event:** Coffee Break with the YLC!

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. ET

**Location:** Hogan Lovells US LLP, 555 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**Topic:** Jump start your day with the Young Lawyers Committee! Connect with colleagues over coffee and breakfast treats. Thank you to Hogan Lovells US LLP for hosting our first coffee break!

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**Date/Time:** Thursday, July 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. ET

**Location:** Dog Daze Social Club, 1100 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**Topic:** Join the Young Lawyers Committee for a spin on our traditional happy hour -- this time with your furry companions! We're headed to Dog Daze Social Club, a pet-friendly venue with a relaxed vibe perfect for mingling with fellow young professionals and their pups. Don't have a dog? No problem! You're still more than welcome to attend and enjoy the company of friends (and their adorable pets). Dog Daze has generously waived the \$10 garden pass fee for all dogs associated with our reservation. Attendees are kindly asked to support the venue with a minimum spend of \$35 (including food and drink). Bring your pup, enjoy the evening, and connect with colleagues—two-legged and four-legged alike!

[Click here to register.](#)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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While my FCBA Presidency may be nearing its closing, we haven't been slowing down.

The Hotel Hershey has a stunning botanical garden and proved a delightful venue to hold our Annual Seminar in mid-May. To all who attended, spoke, sponsored, organized, sang on and off key, and shared your good company with me, I am grateful. I hope the weekend nurtured your professional development and created space for your relationships to grow. I want to extend a special thanks to FCC Chairman Brendan Carr, Commissioners Nathan Simington and Anna Gomez, Chief of Staff Scott Delacourt, and our

colleagues in public service who were able to make the trip to impart their insight, candor, and good humor. Your support for FCBA is invaluable.

With June busting out all over, we'll continue our cutting-edge CLE and Lunch and Learn offerings. On June 3, we came together with current students and alums, employers and faculty, and FCBA leadership past and present to mark 5 years of the remarkable impact our TMT Law & Policy Pipeline and Certificate programs have had on our communications and tech bar. June 18 marks our Annual Luncheon at the Capital Hilton, where I'll join Bill Rinner, who serves as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Head of Merger Enforcement, in the Antitrust Division at the Department of Justice, for a fireside chat. I am of course

also looking forward to celebrating with our FCBA Foundation scholarship winners that afternoon and passing the gavel to my friend and right hand of this past year, FCBA President-Elect Matt DelNero. On June 23, we'll gather for our Summer Reception—it'll be held at a spectacular venue near and dear to my heart—the National Association of Broadcasters headquarters—and we'll honor our Excellence in Government Service Award recipients, the FCC's Jim Bradshaw (Media Bureau) and Joel Taubenblatt (Wireless Telecommunications Bureau), as well as bestow the FCBA's Distinguished Service Award. On June 24, I'll be out doing good and having fun at our 29th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament. If I can do it, so can you. Join us!

It truly has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve as your FCBA President. Together, we've cultivated a strong, connected community. As my term concludes on June 30, I'll look for new ways to contribute to our tech bar. And I'll remember to stop and smell the roses—hope you will too.

Happy Summer!

**Kathy Kirby**  
FCBA President 2024-2025

## 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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**FCBA Foundation:** [Foundation LinkedIn](#) (FCBA Foundation) and [Twitter](#) (@FcbaFoundation)

### FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program

Our 2025 Summer Series kicked off in May, a curated lineup of programming designed to extend learning and networking opportunities for current students throughout the summer months. The first two sessions have already taken place: **Interview Tips & Soft Skills**, hosted by Hogan Lovells on May 13 and **Expanding Your Mentorship Experience**, hosted by CTIA on May 22. Stay tuned for more opportunities to support or

participate in upcoming Summer Series events.

Happy 5th Anniversary TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program. Because of this dynamic bar, we get to celebrate 5 years of amazing partnerships with employer participants, memorable engagements with our students, and a lifelong national impact on the TMT Law & Policy space. It is with profound humility that we extend our gratitude to the FCBA for its unwavering support. Looking forward to years to come, as we apply lessons we've learned to ensure a long-standing program.

In addition, we're pleased to highlight the successful rollout of our Summer 2025 mentorship program, with **25 mentees currently being matched with law professionals** who have volunteered to serve as mentors this summer.

With each milestone, our mission to build a diverse and 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.

### Save the Dates for the 2025 Annual Dinner, the 2025 Charity Auction, and the 2026 Annual Seminar!



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.

And last, but certainly not least, we're excited to announce that we'll be holding the **FCBA Annual Seminar at The Hotel Hershey on May 15-17, 2026!** We had such a fabulous time at the sweetest place on earth, we've decided to return!



### Paroma Sanyal

By: Laura Phillips

Dr. Paroma Sanyal is a Principal at The Brattle Group, where she co-leads the Telecommunications, Media & Entertainment practice. With extensive expertise in telecommunications regulation, spectrum policy, broadband, competition, consumer protection, and intellectual property, she advises clients on a range of regulatory and litigation matters. Before joining Brattle in 2018, Dr. Sanyal served as the Chief Economist of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). She also held academic positions at Brandeis University and has contributed to policy discussions through publications and speaking engagements at industry conferences. I've known Paroma for quite a while and I've really enjoyed working together on several client engagements over the years. I was thrilled to be able to feature her in this month's newsletter. I also really enjoyed our lunch catch-up.



**Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?**

**A:** I've always been interested in applied economics, and my PhD research focused on energy-related issues, so when I started thinking about moving out of academia, energy policy felt like a natural direction. But as I explored it more, I found that a lot of the really interesting work in that space was happening at the state level—not quite where I wanted to be. Around the same time, I started learning more about telecom and was immediately drawn in. The field is incredibly dynamic, with constant technological and regulatory change, and the economic questions are both complex and impactful. What really sealed it for me was the opportunity to work on the FCC's spectrum auctions—they're an economist's dream, blending market design, game theory, and real-world stakes in a way that few other policy areas do. That combination of intellectual challenge and real policy relevance made the constantly evolving field of telecommunications the perfect fit for me.

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

**A:** I was an Assistant Professor at Brandeis University, where I taught in both the Economics Department and the International Business School. I then moved to the Federal Communications Commission, where I held several roles

across the Office of Strategic Planning and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, eventually serving as Chief Economist of the Wireless Bureau. While I treasured my time at the FCC, I left the agency in 2018 to join The Brattle Group, where currently I co-lead the Telecommunications, Media, and Entertainment practice.

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

**A:** As a PhD economist, the typical career paths you consider are academia or economic consulting—when I started out I certainly didn't imagine I'd one day be the Chief Economist of the FCC's Wireless Bureau. That role wasn't part of some grand plan, but it ended up being one of the most defining experiences of my career thus far. It challenged me in new ways, pushed me to think more practically about economic theory, and gave me the opportunity to work on real-world problems with immediate policy impact. In many ways, it shaped who I am professionally and made me a stronger, more well-rounded economist.

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

**A:** One of the most interesting—and most challenging—things I've done in my current role was making the transition from the FCC to consulting. The two

jobs are very different, even though the subject matter often overlaps and in both I tend to collaborate with attorneys and often engineers in addition to economists. I remember walking into early client meetings after I joined Brattle, and every few sentences, my internal regulator brain would be shouting, "No, you can't do that!" This dissonance between regulatory experience and the real or perceived needs of clients really pushed me to step back and understand that there are multiple perspectives, and that each has its own logic and constraints. Learning to see the issues through those different lenses has been incredibly valuable and has honestly made me a much better economist.

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

**A:** People have really been at the heart of my personal and professional journey—I honestly stand on the shoulders of giants. My PhD advisor, Dr. Linda Cohen, introduced me to my very first telecom book, *Talk Is Cheap* by her advisor, Dr. Roger Noll. At the time, I didn't think much of it, but looking back, it feels like an early sign of where I was headed. At the FCC, I was lucky to work with and learn from incredible people like Ruth Milkman, Paul de Sa, Roger Sherman, Jon Wilkins and Jonathan Levy. Chris Helzer, Julie Knapp and Evan Kwerel pretty much taught me everything I know about the industry. And my colleague now, Dr. Coleman Bazelon, has been a big influence both professionally and at a personal level—when he hired me, he said, "I'll give you enough rope to hang us both with." That kind of trust meant a lot and has really stuck with me, as have the other great insights and advice I got from mentors throughout my career.

**Q: What do you enjoy reading?**

**A:** I enjoy reading both fiction and non-fiction, but over the past few years, I've definitely found myself leaning more towards non-fiction. The last three books I

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## Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

### **PAROMA SANYAL**

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read were *On the Edge* by Nate Silverman, *The Truth Will Set You Free, But First It Will Piss You Off!* by Gloria Steinem, and *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson. That said, I still enjoy a good novel—*The President Is Missing* by Bill Clinton and James Patterson is a fun and gripping read – and very West-Wingish for the West Wing fans out there.

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

**A:** Something people might not know about me is that I run a South Asian cultural organization that focuses on dance—it's a big passion of mine. I also love cooking elaborate Indian dishes when I have the time. I'm an avid traveler, and a bit of a telecom nerd—I actually enjoy reading up on obscure telecom facts. Recently, I've even started collecting old telephones... it's turning into a fun (and expensive) hobby!

**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:** One piece of advice I'd give to anyone starting out in the communications field is—don't get stuck in your own bubble. It's easy to come in with a strong technical or policy background and think you know how things should work, but this field is full of different perspectives, and it's so important to stay open to them. Whether you're in government, industry, or consulting, listening and learning from others—especially those who don't think like you—can be incredibly valuable. Also, don't underestimate the importance of relationships. So much of this work is built on trust and collaboration. And finally, be curious! This is a fast-moving, ever-evolving space—there's always something new to learn if you're paying attention.

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

**A:** COVID really made me realize just how important human interaction is—and how much we learn from just being around each other. That's why I try to go to as many FCBA events in person as I can. Every time I'm there, I make an effort to really connect with people on a personal level. It's more than just networking—it helps me understand different perspectives, which is so important in figuring out what clients need and in being a good telecom economist. I'm really looking forward to working on the exciting policy changes coming down the pipeline and helping my clients navigate the challenges—and of course, more spectrum auctions!

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

**A:** I have been a member for almost 5 years. Being a member of the

FCBA has been incredibly valuable, both professionally and personally. It offers a unique platform for knowledge sharing and staying current on legal, regulatory, and economic developments in the communications space. The breadth of expertise within the membership—from seasoned practitioners to attorneys and policymakers—creates rich opportunities for learning and collaboration. FCBA events and conferences are particularly useful, not just for the high-quality content but also for the chance to connect with others working on similar issues across the industry. It's a great way to stay engaged with the broader communications policy community and to be part of the ongoing conversations that shape the field. I also really enjoy the FCBA random coffee chats—they're a fantastic way to build new connections and meet people across the communications community.

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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](mailto:laura@phillipscommmlaw.com).

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## Calendar

<b>June 16</b>	Wellness Committee Healthy Happy Hour & Relaxation Yoga
<b>June 18</b>	FCBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon
<b>June 23</b>	FCBA Summer Reception
<b>June 24</b>	FCBA Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
<b>June 25</b>	Young Lawyers Committee Coffee Break Event
<b>June 30</b>	CLE Seminar: Team Telecom: Protecting the Digital Infrastructure that Powers A.I.
<b>July 1</b>	FCBA Membership and Fiscal Year Begins
<b>July 10</b>	Young Lawyers Committee Happy Hour with Pets!
<b>October 30</b>	FCBA/FCBA Foundation Annual Charity Auction at the Hamilton Live
<b>December 3</b>	FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairman Brendan Carr
<b>May 15-17, 2026</b>	FCBA Annual Seminar at The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA



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