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37th Annual FCBA Dinner on December 3

The 37th FCBA Annual Dinner will be held **Wednesday, December 3** at the **Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Marquis Ballroom.

This is a special evening when virtually the entire FCBA membership comes together to celebrate what makes this bar association so special. Part of that is philanthropy. Every table sold includes a \$150 tax-deductible donation to the FCBA Foundation—a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides college scholarships to area high school students, as well as scholarships and stipends to law school students. The dinner also plays an important role in the FCBA's own financial health.

FCC Chairman Brendan Carr will deliver the evening's featured remarks. We're grateful to him and his fellow **Commissioners, Anna Gomez and Olivia Trusty**, as well as **NTIA Administrator Arielle Roth**, for joining us for the Annual Dinner. We hope to see you all there too!

[Click here to purchase a table or an individual ticket.](#) Although the deadline for

tables was November 7, we still have some spots available! Please get your forms in as soon as possible if you're interested.

INVITING GOVERNMENT GUESTS

Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulation on widely attended gatherings (5 CFR 2635.204(g)(2)), the FCBA Annual Dinner appears to qualify as a widely attended event. Federal employees may be invited to attend the dinner as a guest of an individual or organization without the involvement of the FCBA, however, the employee is required to seek written guidance from their agency before accepting an invitation to the event (5 CFR 2635.204(g)(3)). Invitations to Members of Congress and Congressional Staff must be issued by the FCBA.

Requests for invitations to be sent from the FCBA must be emailed to kerry@fcba.org by Wednesday, November 12. Invitees will be placed at the discretion of the FCBA.

Please note that seating is reserved and there will be no physical tickets to distribute. Your table number(s) will be emailed to you, and you will be responsible for distributing that information to your guests.

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, Ella Hillier (fcj@law.gwu.edu).

Upcoming Key Events

Wellness Committee Strength Training

Date/Time: Thursday, November 13, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. ET

Location: Balance Gym Foggy Bottom, 2401 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

Topic: Strength Training 101
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Media Committee CLE Seminar

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

Topic: It's an Ad-Venture: Advertising in the Modern Media Marketplace

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Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform

Topic: AI at Work: Navigating a Shifting Landscape

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PRESIDENT'S Message

Last month, we celebrated another successful FCBA Charity Auction. The Auction Committee milked the “Halloween Eve” timing to its full extent. Even the slides had a spooky font. Speaking of milking, I was grateful to my live auction co-emcee, Adam Copeland, for his good humor in donning a cow suit. It only made sense, since I was a cowboy riding an oversized chicken. We made a good barnyard duo.



More importantly, the evening raised funds that will power the good works of our very own FCBA Foundation and Pathways to Housing DC. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, bid, raised a paddle, bought a raffle ticket, sponsored, or otherwise contributed. You really helped the FCBA community spread its wings for two wonderful causes. I'm especially grateful to YLC co-chairs Jaime McCoy and Cassie Vangellow, the FCBA staff, and the entire Auction Committee, for their leadership and dedication. An event like this doesn't hatch itself.

After a night that showcased the FCBA's humor and heart, November keeps the momentum going. The International Telecommunications Committee hosted a CLE on Supplemental Terrestrial Coverage from Space on Nov. 10. Just one week later, on Nov. 17, the Media Committee hosts a CLE on Advertising in the Modern Media Marketplace, under the title “It's an Ad-Venture”. They certainly didn't chicken out on the pun challenge.

All of this leads up to the 37th (!) FCBA Annual Dinner on Wed., Dec. 3. Someone asked me recently, “Why do we have the dinner?” My answer was simple. We have the dinner to come together as a bar, celebrate what makes the FCBA so special, and raise funds for both the FCBA Foundation and the FCBA's own operations.

And we're fortunate to have the support of our honored guests. FCC Chairman Brendan Carr will deliver the evening's featured remarks. He'll be joined at the head table by his fellow Commissioners, Anna Gomez and Olivia Trusty, as well as NTIA Administrator Arielle Roth. We hope to see you all there, too.

Wishing you a November filled with meaningful moments and plenty to be thankful for. And on this Veterans Day, a special thank you to those who have served our country.

Matt DelNero

FCBA President 2025-2026



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Monday, November 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET It's an Ad-Venture: Advertising in the Modern Media Marketplace

The FCBA Media Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, November 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled **It's an Ad-Venture: Advertising in the Modern Media Marketplace**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

[Click here to register.](#)

Make sure to sign in to your account to receive the member rates!

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Agenda

The modern media marketplace is complex and changing, with dozens of topics top of mind for programmers and regulators alike. One of the most complex topics? Advertising. One year from the 2026 midterms, the countdown to political advertising is already underway. Outside of political advertising, broadcasters and other programmers face complexities ranging from Foreign Sponsorship ID requirements, to potential changes in pharmaceutical ad regulations, to Federal Trade Commission (FTC) developments.

Featuring expert panelists from across the communications, regulatory, and media landscape, this CLE will examine advertising requirements and

developments that can impact broadcasters and the modern media marketplace.

2:00 – 2:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Radhika Karmarkar, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Breezeline, Media Committee Co-Chair

2:05 – 3:00 p.m.

COUNTING DOWN TO NOVEMBER 2026: POLITICAL ADVERTISING & WHAT BROADCASTERS NEED TO KNOW

This panel session will offer a discussion of the key items that broadcasters need to know in political advertising as the race to the 2026 midterms begins. Topics will include FCC regulations, the National Republican Senatorial Committee v. Federal Election Commission Supreme Court case and how it may impact broadcasters, and political advertising in the streaming world.

Moderator:

Stephanie Rigizadeh, Associate, Wiley Rein LLP

Speakers:

Becca Branum, Deputy Director, Free Expression Project, Center for Democracy & Technology

David Oxenford, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Andrew Woodson, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

3:05 – 4:00 p.m.

BEYOND POLITICS: OTHER "HOT TOPICS" IN ADVERTISING

This panel will cover a myriad of advertising topics outside of the political advertising space including Foreign Sponsorship ID requirements, potential changes in pharmaceutical ad regulations, and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) developments.

Moderator:

Hannah Lepow, Senior Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, NBCUniversal

Speakers:

Jeff Gee, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Mike Labson, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP

Maneesha Mithal, Partner, Wilson Sonsini

Monday, December 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Algorithms & Atoms: Mitigating the Next Generation of Tech Risk

The FCBA Cybersecurity Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, December 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Algorithms & Atoms: Mitigating the Next Generation of Tech Risk**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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AI SECURITY

The rapid development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems presents

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unparalleled opportunities and critical legal challenges for regulators, counsel, and technology providers. This panel will provide a focused discussion on the security and policy risks inherent in deploying AI systems. Panelists will review the current landscape of applicable laws, regulations, and government guidelines pertaining to AI security, analyze the current direction of U.S. government policy, and address the emerging compliance and operational challenges faced by companies utilizing AI systems.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY (PQC)

The impending threat posed by large-scale quantum computers to today's standard public-key cryptography requires immediate strategic planning by all organizations, particularly those in critical infrastructure and those contracting with the federal government. This panel will discuss Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) and the associated legal and policy developments, including evolving regulatory expectations for the transition to quantum-safe cryptography,

the risk of “Harvest Now, Decrypt Later” attacks, an update on the finalized NIST PQC algorithms, and other associated legal and/or policy developments.

Speakers to be announced.

Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Equipment Authorization in a Threat Environment: Exploring FCC Rules and Actions on Equipment and Supply Chain

The FCBA Engineering and Technical Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Equipment Authorization in a Threat Environment: Exploring FCC Rules and Actions on Equipment and Supply Chain**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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The FCC is taking actions to address national security threats within the telecom equipment supply chain. This includes, for example, new rules and enforcement actions addressing testing labs, advisories regarding the “Covered List,” new and proposed rules extending the Covered List to additional equipment, and “Operation Clean Carts.” This CLE will explore the national security concerns driving these developments, the Commission’s policies and recent actions, and ongoing compliance strategies.

Speakers to be announced.

Monday, December 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET AI at Work: Navigating a Shifting Landscape

The FCBA Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, December 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET** entitled **AI at Work: Navigating a Shifting Landscape**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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SAVE THE DATE! 43rd Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation

Presented by Practising Law Institute in cooperation with the Federal Communications Bar Association, join a faculty of top practitioners, in-house counsel from telecommunications organizations, and senior officials from the FCC **in-person** or via **live webcast** at the **43rd Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation** on **December 3** at the Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, D.C. This premier conference will provide attendees with in-depth understanding of current issues facing the telecommunications industry today while looking ahead at what is in store for 2026. Watch for schedule and faculty updates at <https://www.pli.edu/programs/telecommunications-policy--regulation/415136>

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1:05 – 2:00 p.m.

AI AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

This session will explore the rapidly evolving legal landscape for AI in employment. Panelists will provide an overview of recent AI-specific laws as well as longstanding employment state laws, discussing the complex legal landscape for the use of AI in employment. Attendees will receive advice from technical experts and gain practical insights into navigating this complex and shifting regulatory terrain.

Speakers:

Carolyn Rashby, Of Counsel,
Covington & Burling LLP

Savannah Shuntich, Special Counsel,
Wiley Rein LLP

Nathan Mondragon, Chief Innovation
Officer, Hirevu

Eric M. Dunleavy, Vice President,
Employment and Litigation Services
(ELS), DCI Consulting

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

AI IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

This panel will also feature leading experts assessing the rapid integration

of artificial intelligence into daily legal work. Panelists will analyze the significant benefits, including enhanced efficiency in e-discovery, advanced legal research, and automated document review that saves considerable time and cost. However, the discussion will also confront serious ethical and practical challenges, specifically addressing the risks of “hallucinations,” client confidentiality breaches, and algorithmic bias. The session aims to provide attorneys with a practical framework for ethical compliance, emphasizing the rules of professional competence, candor to the tribunal, and adequate supervision of non-lawyer tools.

Speakers:

Scott McKinney, Partner, Wilson
Sonsini

Professor Chinmayi Sharma, Associate
Professor, Fordham University School
of Law

Marc Theriault, Circuit Executive, U.S.
Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Jonathan Mark, Associate Corporate
Counsel, Google

Save the Dates for the 2026 FCBA Annual Seminar! May 15-17 at The Hotel Hershey

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join your colleagues at the **FCBA Annual Seminar at The Hotel Hershey on May 15-17, 2026!** Watch for program details in the coming months.

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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, December 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

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Cost: \$150.00 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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Cybersecurity Committee

Event: CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, December 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Algorithms & Atoms: Mitigating the Next Generation of Tech Risk

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Wellness Committee

Event: Strength Training – In Person

Date/Time: Thursday, November 13, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. ET

Location: Balance Gym Foggy Bottom, 2401 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20037. Balance Gym is in the Fairmont Hotel. Enter through the doors to the right and walk downstairs to find the gym.

Topic: *Strength Training 101*

The Wellness Committee invites you to a basics of weightlifting and strength training class! The session will begin with an overview of strength training and the basics of healthy form and alignment, followed by a 30-minute workout session. Come wearing comfortable clothes and sneakers, and bring a water bottle. Locker rooms available. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Speakers: Class will be led by Brandon Padgett, CrossFit Level 2 Trainer, FCC Attorney
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Wireline Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn – Hybrid

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 18, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: In person at Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, and virtually via the Webex platform

Topic: *The Future of Universal Service: Contribution Reform*

As demand on the FCC's Universal Service Fund increases and traditional telecommunications revenues decrease, the Fund is under tremendous pressure. As a result, Congress and the FCC are both considering options to reform the USF contribution system. Recently, Congress's bipartisan, bicameral USF Working Group sought comment on potential reforms. FCC Chairman Brendan Carr has also proposed solutions for improving the long-term sustainability of the Fund. The panelists will discuss the state of USF contribution reform policy both on the Hill and at the FCC, as well as potential statutory and regulatory solutions.

Moderator: Annick Banoun, Partner, HWG

Speakers: Mary Huang, Senior Communications and Technology Counsel, Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Joe Kane, Director, Broadband and Spectrum Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Angie Kronenberg, President & CEO, Sligo Solutions LLC, Lynn Follansbee, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships, USTelecom, Alex Stepahin, Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman Richard Hudson
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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.

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- 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).

New England Chapter's Current Issues Conference held October 21

FCBA's New England Chapter and Boston College Law School co-hosted the annual Current Issues Conference with over 40 attendees. **Prof. Dan Lyons** (Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Boston College Law School) welcomed us and described BC Law's history of telecom leadership and policymaking, and **Matt DelNero** (Partner, Covington & Burling, LLC and FCBA President) spoke about his Rhode Island roots and noted his appreciation for the New England Chapter, describing its camaraderie, excellent programming, and mentoring as a microcosm of FCBA as a whole.

Panel 1 explored federal impacts on broadband deployment, the future of the Universal Service Fund (USF), and other federal legal and policy issues. MA Department of Telecommunications & Cable Commissioner (DTC) **Karen Charles** moderated the discussion. **Staci Pies** (Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy, INCOMPAS) provided an update on the impact of the federal government shutdown on regulatory filings and outlined INCOMPAS's focus on USF and permitting reform, and its engagement with the Congressional USF Working Group. **Michael Baldino** (Director and General Counsel, MA Broadband Institute (MBI)) described MBI's Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding of a mix of fiber, hybrid and low-earth orbit satellite technologies. Michael also detailed the MBI Residential Retrofit Program, which upgrades antiquated wiring to public and low-income housing units and has improved access to 40,000 units so far. Prof. Lyons analyzed the impact of the *Consumers Research* case upholding Congress's delegation of USF administration to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Prof. Lyons explained how USF "dodged a bullet" in the decision, but now Congress must lead on the important work of USF



New England Chapter Co-Chairs: Jackie McCarthy, Sarah Aceves, William Bendetson, Greg Kennan, David Bogan, Rob Munnelly



Santi Garces

reform although progress may be delayed by the shutdown.

Santiago "Santi" Garces (Chief Innovation Officer, City of Boston) summarized results from the city's [digital equity survey](#), in which respondents provided insights on their Internet connectivity and device access, and on digital skills literacy. While most respondents have home Internet, approximately one quarter of respondents expressed concerns about affordability and frequent low connection speeds.



FCBA President Matt DelNero

Panel 2 provided a business and technology update with a focus on emerging communications and connections industries. **Jill Sandford** (Chief Legal Officer, FirstLight Fiber) moderated the discussion and explained FirstLight's history and expansion in the region. **Sepehr Mehrabanzad** (Co-Founder and Chief Development Officer, Federated Wireless) outlined Federated's geo-redundant, cloud-native fixed wireless service, and explained how dynamic spectrum sharing can accommodate

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both existing and new providers. Sepehr described the path of citizens band radio service (CBRS) to the telecommunications marketplace and noted that 20% of US wireless deployments are now using shared spectrum, as well as many cable, in-building and private network operators. **Jason Hill** (Co-Head, US Technology Group and Global Head of Digital Infrastructure, Houlihan Lokey) explained Houlihan Lokey's investment focus on helping middle market companies obtain capital for data centers, towers, and spectrum, as well as grow by acquisition or sell to larger companies. Jason cited "a tremendous amount of capital" interested in broadband investment, and predicted regional consolidation through cashless mergers as new and growing network platforms target scale.

After closing remarks and an appreciation for **Greg Kennan** (outgoing FCBA New England Chapter Co-Chair) for his many years of service to FCBA, emcee **William Bendetson** (Attorney at the MA DTC and FCBA New England Chapter Co-Chair) thanked our sponsors (**Day Pitney LLP**, **Granite Telecommunications**, **NECTA-Connecting New England** and **Verrill Dana LLP**) and the group enjoyed a networking reception.

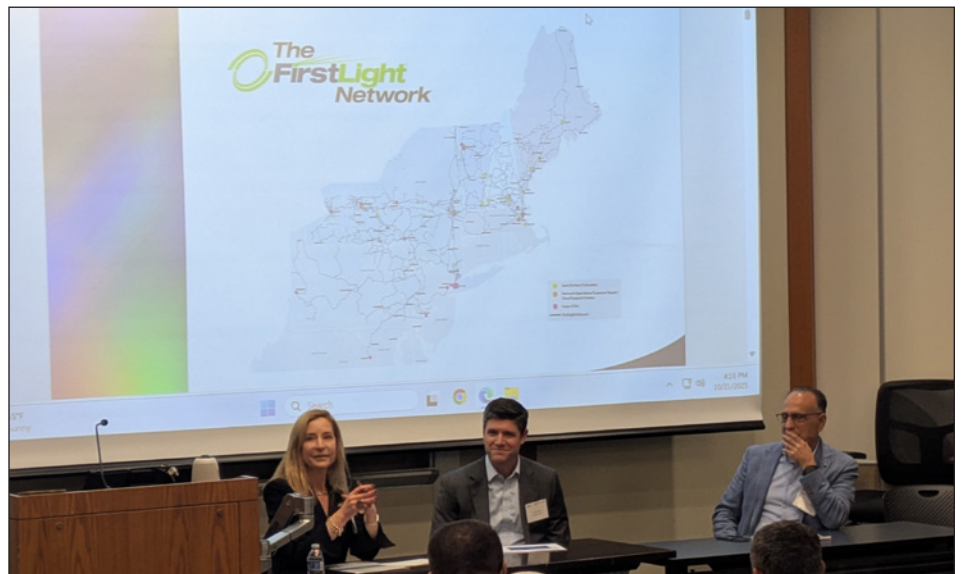
The New England Chapter thanks Boston College Law School, as well as all speakers, sponsors and guests, for another great event.

TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program Launches Year 6 with Record Interest and Returning Anchor Employers

Year 6 of the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program is set to be the most dynamic yet! Nearly 200 first-year law students from top U.S. law schools



Panel 1: Prof. Dan Lyons, Michael Baldino, Commissioner (DTC) Karen Charles, Staci Pies



Panel 2: Jill Sandford, Sepehr Mehrabanzad, Jason Hill

have applied to join this one-of-a-kind initiative — the only national program dedicated exclusively to developing future leaders in technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) law and policy.

Before beginning their internships, all selected students will complete the immersive TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program, a groundbreaking curriculum designed to ensure participants are prepared to make meaningful contributions from day one.

The TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program is proud to partner once again with a distinguished group of Washington, D.C.-based organizations serving as Anchor Employers. These leading law firms, companies, and trade associations have demonstrated their commitment to cultivating the next generation of TMT professionals.

Organizations interested in learning more about how to support or participate in the program are encouraged to contact the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program Committee at tmtpipeline@fcba.org.

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Jeremy Marcus

By: Laura Phillips

Jeremy Marcus has been practicing communications law for nearly three decades, focusing on a wide array of technology law and policies matters across wireless, satellite, wireline, cybersecurity, and enforcement issues, both in and out of government. Jeremy is currently a Member at Lerman Senter PLLC, which he joined this past spring after over two decades of government service. At Lerman Senter, Jeremy works on a wide range of communications issues, including broadband, spectrum, satellite, data protection, cybersecurity, and enforcement matters. As discussed below, Jeremy's government service includes leadership positions at the Federal Communications Commission, in Enforcement, Wireless Telecommunications, and Wireline Bureaus and a detail to the White House Office of Management and Budget. In addition to his recent work in EB, Jeremy worked at the FCC in the Wireless Bureau on making mid-band spectrum available for wireless use and oversaw the FCC's universal service policy and programs as Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division in the Wireline Bureau. Jeremy also worked for communications law boutiques in both Washington and Atlanta, as well as in-house, prior to his FCC service. Jeremy grew up in New York and has spent most of the past three decades living in the Washington area. We met up for coffee to discuss some of his career highlights and insights and ended up identifying common threads that contribute to a successful law practice.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I was an International Relations major in college but never really developed an ear for languages and thus, I found myself attracted to law. In law school I was drawn to communications by the interplay between technology, law, and policy, as well as the explosive growth that was then occurring in technology, media, and telecommunications—and hasn't stopped for a minute since. At Georgetown Law, I was fortunate both to take a class in communications law and to participate in a legal clinic that focused on communications law. The class was taught by a dynamic adjunct professor, Jeffrey Blumenfeld, whose personal experiences went back to his work at the Department of Justice during the breakup of AT&T. The clinic focused on a wide range of public interest matters in communications law, including during the time I was there, considering the public interest obligations of broadcasters that were involved in a significant transaction. From exposure to these experiences, my fascination with technological innovation as it relates to law and policy grew. And the timing turned out to be ideal, as I graduated

from law school a few months after the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Those who have been around a while will recall that implementation of the Act created significant demand for communications attorneys.

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

A: I have worked in a variety of different places throughout my career. I started at MCI Telecommunications Corp., as a junior negotiator on the team that negotiated the original post-1996 Act interconnection agreements with the Bell Operating Companies. While it may seem quaint in today's AI and social media dominated world, a main goal of the law at the time to enable competition in local and long-distance phone service. Working in-house on these agreements afforded me great opportunities to learn about the business, as I had direct access to company subject matter experts, as well as to more senior attorneys. A few years later, I was recruited to join a small law firm in Atlanta, where I continued to work on interconnection agreements for start-up telecommunications companies, and I developed a state public utility commission

practice, mostly before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Subsequently, I returned to Washington to work for a communications law boutique, continuing to represent competitive providers on transactional and regulatory matters.

In 2002, in part due to the dot.com crash, I joined the FCC, where I worked in various positions for almost 23 years. I started out as an attorney-advisor in the Wireline Bureau's Pricing Policy Division. Subsequently, I was promoted to a front office legal advisor by then Bureau Chief Jeff Carlisle—who I now have the good fortune of working with again at Lerman Senter. One of the wonderful things about the years I spent at the Commission is that with hard work and patience one could move around the agency and work on a wide array of interesting issues with dedicated, smart people. I subsequently served as Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, overseeing universal service policy and programs, and as Associate Chief of the Wireless Bureau's Broadband Division, working primarily on mid-band spectrum issues.

In 2014, I was asked to take a detail to the OMB to serve on an interagency panel responsible for reviewing federal agency transition and spectrum sharing plans related to the FCC's \$40 billion AWS-3 auction. This experience provided tremendous insights into how agencies view their spectrum needs and how the interagency process works.

I then returned to the FCC, joining the Enforcement Bureau front office, where I served for over a decade, ultimately as Deputy Bureau Chief. In that role, I oversaw the Bureau's Spectrum Enforcement Division and the Office of the Field Director, working on a range of enforcement issues related to the integrity of the communications network. This ran the gamut from 911 and other public safety and cybersecurity matters, to unauthorized wireless equipment and unauthorized use of spectrum, to radio interference matters, as well as space debris, and pirate radio matters.

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Earlier this year, I left the FCC and returned to practicing at a small communications law firm – Lerman Senter PLLC. Lerman Senter is a great firm, with a sophisticated tech and telecom practice and, critically, good people, where I am able to bring my experience to bear on behalf of its clients.

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

A: One of the lessons I have learned throughout my career and by watching the careers of friends and colleagues is the importance of being flexible. Opportunities arise at unexpected times, and it is important to be prepared to react when they do. At the same time, unforeseen events, such as economic swings or companies or clients running into financial problems, can lead to the need for unexpected pivots. Expect and embrace that.

Once I determined that I wanted to focus on communications law, I networked extensively to find a job in the sector. After starting at MCI, I did not necessarily intend to leave to work at small law firms and then the government, but there were logical breakpoints at these jobs and when good opportunities arose, I was in positions to take advantage of them. When I joined the FCC, I did not expect to work there for over two decades, but the agency proved to be a great place to work, with good people and unparalleled opportunities to work on diverse issues over time. Now, I have largely come full circle, returning to work at a sophisticated communications law boutique.

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

A: I have been in my current position for about six months. It has been interesting getting to know the firm's diverse clients and the particular regulatory or business challenges that they face. It has also been rewarding to travel again to industry conferences

and events and rebuild relationships that were harder to maintain when my travel opportunities were more limited as a government employee. It's also been interesting as a long term FCC person to encounter clients with perspectives that are not always well represented to the FCC, which is understandable if a client has limited business at the FCC or limited budgets for regulatory matters. It's been striking to me how the FCC functions even though it may not fully appreciate how its decisions affect smaller businesses.

This is a dynamic time to be involved in law and policy, as the environment keeps us all on our toes. I'm grateful that my experience makes it possible for clients to take advantage of, or avert, the effects of new developments when law and policy are in such flux.

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

A: I have been very fortunate in my career to work with a lot of good and impressive people. Two that stood out during my time at the FCC were Julie Knapp and Rosemary Harold, not just in substance, but in how they managed people. Although I do not work directly with or for Julie, I still learned a tremendous amount from him. While working on some difficult wireless matters, I often would walk up to his office at the end of the day, and he always made the time to explain the engineering aspects of an issue and offered his thoughts on the best way to address it. Rosemary took care of those around her in a way that stood out to me. In one of her early weeks as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau in 2017, a hurricane was forecast to hit south Florida. Rosemary immediately recognized that not only did Bureau field agents need to be available to support hurricane recovery efforts, but that ensuring the physical safety of the Bureau's agents based in the Miami area was also part of her role. Watching her advocate for the protection of these agents, most of whom she had yet to meet, was

inspirational and taught me a great deal about how to manage a team.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: I enjoy reading a wide variety of books, from science fiction to biography to history. Earlier this year I completed reading N. K. Jemisin's *The Broken Earth Trilogy*, and my college-age daughter recently gave me Arkady Martine's *A Memory Called Empire*. Also, I recently completed Mel Brooks' autobiography *All About Me!* and am currently reading *Making It So, A Memoir* by Patrick Stewart. And, I am hoping to read Irving Howe's *World of Our Fathers* to learn about my own heritage.

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

A: A fairly recent hobby of mine is e-cycling. As a kid and teenager, I did not live within walking distance to my friends and would bike everywhere, something I largely abandoned post-college. During the pandemic, I badly needed to get out of the house, and like many other people, I picked up biking again. I bought a lower end e-bike and have enjoyed living near Rock Creek Park and biking the various trails in the area.

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: Remember to always keep learning. We work in a dynamic field, and something is always changing, whether the technology, the law, the policy, or all of them. Relatedly, never be afraid to admit when you don't know something. It may feel embarrassing to admit to not knowing, but trying to fake it will show. Few things are more frustrating to a boss or colleague than when someone acts like they know something but does not. Finally, do what

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you can to work with good people who are willing to teach you and to advocate for you. In the long run, finding and nurturing mentor type relationships will be far more important to your career than working on a particular project.

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

A: I have been an FCBA member since 1995, having first joined while I was in law school. FCBA membership is invaluable. At different points in my career, it has served as a way to meet others in industry and the bar, to stay current on technological and legal developments, and even to meet and make friends. In fact, I even met my wife through an FCBA-related activity. The FCBA loosely sponsored a team in a local ultimate frisbee league, and we met playing on that team. For those of you who made it

to the end of this profile, you have now learned the most important FCBA fact about me; the FCBA truly changed my life! Not surprisingly, I would recommend anyone interested in communications law or policy to become an FCBA member.

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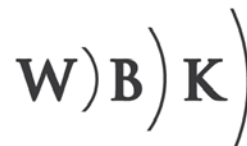
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November 13	Wellness Committee Strength Training 101
November 17	CLE Seminar: It's an Ad-Venture: Advertising in the Modern Media Marketplace
November 18	Wireline Committee Lunch and Learn
December 3	FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairman Brendan Carr
December 3	Annual PLI and FCBA Conference
December 8	CLE Seminar: Algorithms & Atoms: Mitigating the Next Generation of Tech Risk
December 10	CLE Seminar: Equipment Authorization in a Threat Environment: Exploring FCC Rules and Actions on Equipment and Supply Chain
December 15	CLE Seminar: AI at Work: Navigating a Shifting Landscape
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