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Seventh Annual Women's Summit on March 12

The **Seventh Annual FCBA Women's Summit: Women Who Are Shaping the Future of Tech and Policy** will take place on **Thursday, March 12** at NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20001. Programming will include conversations with **FCC Commissioners Anna Gomez and Olivia Trusty**, a discussion about the latest developments in children's privacy policy for media and tech, cross-generational insights from women leaders shaping our industry, and networking advice built for today. The event will conclude with a cocktail reception to

celebrate our success and connect with FCBA colleagues. **Check-in will begin at 12:30 p.m.; programming will take place from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and the reception will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

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

SPONSORSHIP OF THE WOMEN'S SUMMIT

To honor just a few of the legendary leaders who have made historic and indelible

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Nominations for the "Excellence in Government Service" Award Due March 13

In 2008, the FCBA established an award, to be provided annually, to recognize the contributions of federal government employees to the field of communications. Recipients of the award include Daniel "Mack" Armstrong, Evan Kwerel, Julius Knapp, Mary Beth Richards, Patrick Carney, Karl Nebbia, Bobby Baker, Barbara Kreisman, Carol Matthey, Diane Cornell, Peter Doyle, Hossein Hashemzadeh, Kris Monteith, Jake Lewis, Margaret Wiener, Michelle Carey, Ira Keltz, Mark Stephens, James Bradshaw, and Joel Taubenblatt.

All current federal government employees in communications-related positions (not limited to attorneys or FCBA members) are eligible nominees. The FCBA will consider an individual's dedication to excellence and long-term commitment to federal government public service in selecting the individual to be honored. In addition, the FCBA will

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Hotel Hershey

Annual Seminar to be held at The Hotel Hershey May 15-17 ~ Reserve Your Room and Sponsor Today!

The 2026 FCBA Annual Seminar will be held at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA on May 15-17. The Annual Seminar Committee is planning what promises to be an outstanding program filled with the latest information on telecom issues and great networking opportunities. Watch for further program details in the coming weeks.

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Upcoming Key Events

Young Lawyers Committee/Legislative Committee Panel and Happy Hour

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. ET

Location: Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, 1800 M Street NW, #800n, Washington, DC 20036

Topic: Life on the Hill: Careers & Conversations

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Consumer Protection Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday, February 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Federal and State Consumer Protection Developments in 2026

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Wireline Committee Lunch and Learn – Hybrid

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 – 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

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Northern California Chapter Event

Topic: Careers in Communications/Technology Law

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Pacific Time (7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Eastern)

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Intellectual Property CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Topic: AI in 2031 (with an IP Focus)

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PRESIDENT'S Message

HELLO, FCBA –

Like many of you, I learned this week of the passing of a quiet giant and beloved member of our FCBA community: Julie Veach. This is a profound loss for the FCBA, and I'd like to dedicate this month's column to Julie and her family. A small gesture, to be sure, but I can't imagine writing about anything else this month.



The firm where Julie was a partner, HWG LLP, issued a heartfelt [statement](#) mourning the loss of Julie, and I encourage you all to read it. It captures eloquently what made Julie so special. As HWG Chair John Nakahata writes, Julie's "greatest legacy is the many people she trained, supported, and influenced throughout her extraordinary career."

I feel fortunate to be one of those many people. I first met Julie on a late fall afternoon in November, 2013. Another departed FCBA legend, Diane Cornell, arranged for me to interview with Julie—she was then Chief of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau—to be one of her deputies. It was a warm day for November, and we had tea outside at the Mandarin near the old Portals building. I was nervous going in, but Julie's kind, warm demeanor instantly put me at ease.

The outcome was what I've long said was the best job I've ever had: working directly for Julie. And I gained a mentor, role model, and friend.

Thank you, Julie, for all that you did for the FCBA and our community. You will be sorely missed.

Matt DelNero

FCBA President 2025-2026



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIAISON

Kathleen Kirby

Thursday, February 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Federal and State Consumer Protection Priorities in 2026

The FCBA Consumer Protection Committee will sponsor a CLE on Thursday, February 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled **Federal and State Consumer Protection Developments in 2026**. This 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!

If you are registering on behalf of a member, please sign in using their credentials. By doing this, the information will be linked to their account.

If you have any registration issues, please contact [Elina Gross](#).

FCBA will apply for 2.0 hours of MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has NOT yet been approved. Attorneys licensed outside Virginia may use the certificate and materials provided to apply for credit in their jurisdictions.

Agenda

This CLE will examine consumer protection developments in 2025 at the FCC, FTC, and at the state level, and will forecast priorities for 2026. The FCC continues to crack down on unwanted and illegal robocalls through both rulemaking proceedings and enforcement actions, and has taken several actions to remove noncompliant filers from the agency's Robocall Mitigation Database. The FTC has been particularly active in the enforcement space, focusing on robocalls, data privacy issues, and difficult-to-cancel subscription services, among other things. State attorneys general and government agencies, meanwhile, are increasingly focused on establishing and enforcing state consumer protection laws directed at subscription services,

difficult cancellation mechanisms, and illegal robocalls.

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1:05 – 2:00 p.m.

CONSUMER PROTECTION PRIORITIES AT THE FCC AND FTC

Panelists:

Dan Stepanicich, Deputy Division Chief, Telecommunications Consumers Division, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

Annie Chiang, Attorney Advisor to Chairman Andrew Ferguson, Federal Trade Commission

Sarah Leggin, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA

Ben Winters, Director of AI and Privacy, Consumer Federation of America

Laura Riposo VanDruff, Partner, Kelley Drey & Warren LLP

Moderator:

Rakesh S. Patel, Partner, HWG LLP

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION PRIORITIES

Panelists:

Rochelle Sparko, Special Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, North Carolina Department of Justice

Kara Williams, Counsel, Electronic Privacy Information Center

Tyler Bridegan, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP

Jane Azia, Consumer Protection and Frauds Bureau, New York Attorney General's Office

Moderator:

Stephen Conley, Associate, Wiley Rein LLP

Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET AI in 2031 (with an IP Focus)

The FCBA Intellectual Property Committee will sponsor a CLE on Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET entitled **AI in 2031 (with an IP Focus)**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Artificial intelligence may be the most ubiquitous topic among startups, newsletters, and industry speakers today, yet few programs look beyond today's IP and regulatory battlegrounds to consider what the next five years may hold. This FCBA seminar will take on the role of futurists, examining how internet and communications law and regulation are shaping AI and intellectual property (IP) as the legal landscape evolves toward 2031. Drawing on insights from former government officials, leading academics, and experienced legal practitioners, the panels will assess the current AI, regulatory, and IP environment and chart a path forward.

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Charity Auction Beneficiary Application Now Available

The Auction Committee is now accepting applications from local charities to be considered as a beneficiary of the 37th Annual FCBA Charity Auction. The application should be received by the FCBA by email no later than **Friday, April 9, 2026**.

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

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Agenda

3:00 – 3:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Daniel Waggoner, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

3:05 – 4:00 p.m.

BAND-AIDS OR BREAKTHROUGH: WHERE DOES LAW AND REGULATION STAND TODAY?

We could never have predicted how fast technology would grow against existing IP

laws and regulations. In the last five years, we have seen AI systems increasingly produce synthetic data, personas, voices, inventive concepts, and creative styles that test the foundation of IP. This panel will explore the boundaries that have been challenged in U.S. IP law and what legal and regulatory approaches have been taken to address the fast-changing innovation landscape. Are they Band-Aids or breakthroughs?

Moderator:

Priya Nair, Associate Attorney, Law Office of Chun T. Wright

Panelists:

Chris Suarez, Partner, Steptoe LLP

Jim Rosenfeld, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Lauren Chamblee, Assistant General Counsel, Open Innovation (Intellectual Property Group), Microsoft

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

BLUEPRINTS FOR WHAT'S NEXT: WHERE ARE THE LAW AND REGULATION GOING?

As AI becomes embedded in communications infrastructure, media

ecosystems, and online platforms, existing communications and internet regulatory frameworks are being tested. This panel examines how U.S. communications and internet law, including FCC oversight, Section 230, and the DMCA, may evolve in response to synthetic media and platform-integrated AI, with a particular focus on IP. Looking beyond current legal approaches, the discussion will explore how policymakers and practitioners can begin preparing now by identifying the legal foundations, guardrails, and institutional designs needed for what comes next.

Moderator:

Luis Zambrano Ramos, Technology and Telecommunications Policy Advisor, U.S. Federal Government

Panelists:

Russ Hanser, SVP, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

Amanda Levendowski Tepski, Professor of Law and the Founding Director of the Intellectual Property and Information Policy (iPIP) Clinic, Georgetown Law Center

Eric Goldman, Associate Dean of Research, Professor of Law and Co-Director, High Tech Law Institute

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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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- And more...

[Click here to visit the frequently asked questions page.](#)

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FCBA ANNUAL SEMINAR

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Important Room Reservation Information: The FCBA special group rate will only be guaranteed through **MONDAY, APRIL 6**. After this date, it is likely that the room rates will increase.

Guests should make reservations online by accessing the following link <https://www.thehotelhershey.com/qr/IWSUIC7YRV/> which will direct you straight to the FCBA reservation site. Note that the link will not work in Internet Explorer.

You may also call **855-729-3108** and identify as part of the Federal Communications Bar Association group at The Hotel Hershey. The room rate is \$409 per room, per night, plus tax. There are no resort or parking fees.

A limited number of rooms for government employees are available at reduced rates. Contact Kerry Loughney (kerry@fcba.org) for more information on lodging options.

Sponsorships: There are several sponsorship options available. Gold Sponsors will receive two (2) complimentary registrations, and Silver Sponsors will receive one (1) complimentary registration. In addition, there are special event sponsorships.

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contributions in technology, media, and telecommunications, sponsorship is available at three levels:

- **Frieda Barkin Hennock** (first woman FCC Commissioner): \$6,000 (includes 3 registrations)
- **Katherine Johnson** (NASA mathematician): \$3,500 (includes 2 registrations)

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NOMINATIONS

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view favorably nominees who have demonstrated service, dedication, and generosity of spirit in their careers. Nominations (1,000 words or less) should include the following information: (1) full name, title, work address and contact information of the nominee; (2) summary of the nominee's outstanding service and/or achievements; (3) a narrative explanation of the nominee's service including the following information: how the nominee's dedication to excellence and public service is outstanding, significant, and "above and beyond the call of duty;" the length of the government service; and any other relevant information, such as a history of mentoring, that would assist the award committee in evaluating the nomination.

Please submit nominations by email to kerry@fcba.org. Nominations are due no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.

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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *News*

TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program

Built on the strength of our reputation and deep partnerships across the TMT ecosystem, the Pipeline Program successfully matched **22 students** with **Summer 2026 internships** with leading law firms, companies, and trade associations shaping the future of TMT law and policy. Through a highly competitive panel interview process, students connected directly with industry leaders to gain early, hands-on exposure to real-world legal practice and begin to form the professional networks that will guide their careers.

Momentum continues with **50 students** now enrolled in the **TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program**, which launched on **January 31, 2026**. The Certificate Program delivers eight intensive, full-day sessions designed to strengthen substantive

expertise and ensure participants are prepared to contribute with confidence from day one. Importantly, access to the Certificate Program extends beyond internship placement, ensuring that all students who advanced through the interview process benefit from rigorous training, mentorship, and sustained engagement with the TMT legal community.

Looking ahead, students will further expand their experience through our

Summer Series and Mentorship Program, where they will continue their exposure to TMT law and policy through learning sessions and be paired with dedicated volunteer mentors committed to supporting the next generation of TMT leaders.

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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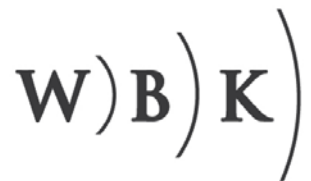


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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Consumer Protection Committee

Event: CLE Seminar
Date/Time: Thursday, February 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Federal and State Consumer Protection Developments in 2026
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
For more information: See [page 3](#)
[Click here to register.](#)

Intellectual Property Committee

Event: CLE Seminar
Date/Time: Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: AI in 2031 (with an IP Focus)
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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Legislative Committee

Event: Panel and Happy Hour co-hosted by the Young Lawyers Committee – In Person
Date/Time: Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. ET
Location: Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, 1800 M Street, NW, #800n, Washington, DC 20036
Topic: Life on the Hill: Careers & Conversations
Join the Legislative and Young Lawyers Committees for a joint panel and happy hour with Capitol Hill telecom staff to find out what it's like to work on Capitol Hill. Light bites and beverages will be provided courtesy of Wilkinson Barker Knauer.
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Northern California Chapter

Event: Careers in Communications/Technology Law
Date/Time: Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Pacific Time (7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Eastern)
Location: Virtual via the Zoom Platform
Topic: Are you a law student interested in pursuing a career in telecommunications/technology law or an early to mid-career professional looking for your next opportunity? Join the Northern California Chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association for a career panel with legal professionals from government, in-house, and law firms. Learn about how to build a career in communications

and technology law that is personally and professionally rewarding!
Speakers: Melissa Slawson, Verizon; Chris Jordan, T-Mobile; and Noah Stid, Cal Advocates
Moderator: Jessica Jandura, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
[Click here to register.](#)

Wireline Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn – Hybrid
Date/Time: Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Location: 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: Lynn Follansbee, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships, USTelecom; Joe Kane, Director, Broadband and Spectrum Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Angie Kronenberg, President & CEO, Sligo Solutions LLC; John Lin, Senior Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce; Carmen Scurato, Senior Policy Counsel, Office of U.S. Senator Ben Ray Lujan; Alex Stepahin, Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman Richard Hudson
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Young Lawyers Committee

Event: Panel and Happy Hour co-hosted by the Legislative Committee – In Person
Date/Time: Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. ET
Location: Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, 1800 M Street, NW, #800n, Washington, DC 20036
Topic: Life on the Hill: Careers & Conversations
Join the Legislative Committee and Young Lawyers Committee for a joint panel and happy hour with Capitol Hill telecom staff to find out what it's like to work on Capitol Hill. Light bites and beverages will be provided courtesy of Wilkinson Barker Knauer.
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Event: Co-Chair Election and Meeting
Date/Time: Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: The Young Lawyers Committee is seeking nominations for the upcoming Co-Chair election. The newly elected Co-Chair will be working with Cassie Vangellow for the 2025-2026 event year to plan the annual charity auction and all other YLC events and activities. The YLC Co-Chair position is a three-year commitment (two years serving as a YLC Co-Chair and the third year on the Executive Committee). **Nominations (including self-nominations) for the election should be emailed to Cassie (cgvangellow26@gmail.com) no later than Monday, March 2.** We encourage all YLC Committee Members to attend this meeting to discuss the upcoming year and to vote for the new YLC Co-Chair. You must be present at the meeting to vote; no proxy votes are permitted. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but voting is limited to current YLC members. Guidelines for YLC membership are set forth in Article V, Section 30 of the FCBA's bylaws. If you have any questions, please email YLC Co-Chair Cassie (cgvangellow26@gmail.com).
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The FCBA is gearing up for its 2026 scholarship and stipend programs, which will award hundreds of thousands of dollars to outstanding high school and law school students, thanks to the generous contributions of FCBA members, industry sponsors, and others. Below are the details of the programs, including information on applications.

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Stephanie Budaker at stephanie@fcba.org.

2026 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The FCBA Foundation College Scholarship Program provides financial support and laptop computers to DC public high school students to assist them attend college. Over the program's 30 years, the Foundation has helped 437 local high school students attend college with generous scholarship awards. In 2025, the Foundation committed \$295,000 to graduating seniors selected because of their academic achievements and service to school and community, with individual scholarships ranging from \$8,000 to \$20,000.

The Foundation's web-based application lets interested high school seniors matriculating to college next fall apply for a scholarship online. The College Scholarship application is available at <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/fcbacollegescholarship>.

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, February 20, 2026. The Foundation plans to conduct interviews of promising applicants in early April 2026. We will notify successful applicants of their scholarship awards before May 2026.

2026 LAW SCHOOL SUMMER INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

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

program provides stipends to students from around the country who want to dedicate their time and talent over the summer to government service in areas related to telecommunications, media, and technology (TMT) law, including broadcasting, cable, information technology, television, telephony, satellite, and wireless. It also can include work at government/public sector entities addressing other communications-related areas, including internet law and policy, privacy, cybersecurity, copyright, emerging technologies, and related policy and legal issues.

The Law School Summer Stipend Program awards stipends of up to \$10,000 per student; last year, the program provided \$16,500 in support to six outstanding law students. The Foundation considers funding from other sources in making award decisions and generally will adjust its stipend awards based on total funding received.

The application for the stipend will be available online from Tuesday, February 17, until Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The application can be accessed at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/fcbastipend>.

2026 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The FCBA Foundation Law School Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to rising second- or third-year students currently enrolled in accredited law schools in the United States who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in TMT law. In 2025, the Foundation awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to seven outstanding law students. The scholarships are payable to the applicable law school in one lump sum to help the student with tuition or other education-related expenses.

The application for the scholarship will be available online from Monday, February 9, until Monday, March 9, 2026. The application can be accessed at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/fcbalawscholarship>.

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

FCBA Foundation Scholarship and Internship Programs – Call for Volunteers!

FCBA members, we need your help! Last year, with the help of our volunteers, the Foundation awarded \$331,000 in College Scholarships, Law School Scholarships, and Law School Summer Internship Stipends. We need reviewers to help students achieve academic success.

Volunteers will review students' written applications and/or conduct interviews with the most promising applicants as part of the selection process. Your help is more important than ever -- ***we expect the number of scholarship applications to be higher than last year's record.***

Please see below for additional information on each program and how to volunteer.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Graduating high school seniors demonstrate through their applications and personal interviews that their academic achievements, service to school and community, and commitment to learning show their potential to succeed in college and make positive contributions to their communities. That's where you come in—we need help reviewing these promising students' applications.

The last week of February, each volunteer reviewer will receive a group of applications to review, plus detailed reviewing and grading instructions, to review by Friday, March 13. We then will invite the most promising candidates back for personal interviews to be held in late March through early April. Volunteers will be contacted with interview dates once they are confirmed.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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If you would like to review college scholarship applications, please email the FCBA Foundation at foundation@fcba.org by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Please indicate whether you are interested in reviewing written applications, participating in interviews of the candidates, or both!

LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AND SUMMER INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAMS

The Law School Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to rising second or third-year students enrolled in accredited law schools in the United States who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in TMT law.

The Law School Summer Internship Stipend Program provides stipends to students from around the country who want to dedicate their time and talent over the summer to government service in tech and telecom related fields.

Application reviews for both the Law School Summer Internship Stipend and Law School Scholarship program will take place in late March. Specific details on the process and timeline will be provided to volunteers closer to the date.

If you would like to review law school scholarship or summer internship stipend applications, please email the FCBA Foundation at foundation@fcba.org by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

If you don't have time to volunteer this year, please consider making a monetary donation to the FCBA Foundation to support these programs.

If you are able to donate, please follow the instructions below:

- **SIGN IN** with your member credentials in order to link it to your account.
- Once in your profile, click **Donations** in the top menu bar for a list of funds.



Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia

30th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament to be held on June 23

The Annual FCBA Golf Tournament is 30 – and holding your spot! Come on out and support a great cause, as the FCBA Foundation hosts the 30th Annual FCBA Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia, on **Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

A familiar homestead to the FCBA Family, Westfields is known for its pristine golf course, fun layout, and welcoming facilities just a short drive from downtown DC. This is a great opportunity to not only play a fun course but also to enjoy a good time reconnecting with FCBA colleagues. Put your Eagle Foursomes together and compete for this year's cup!

As always, all of the proceeds from the Tournament go straight to the FCBA Foundation to support its wonderful programs, including Scholarships and Summer Legal Internships. Over the years, the Tournament has raised more than \$450,000 for the FCBA Foundation charities.

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 Golf Committee Chair Henry Gola (HGola@Wiley.Law) if you want to contribute or would like to help organize the event.

FCBA'S JOB BANK

To place a job bank ad with the FCBA, please [click here](#) to purchase and then email the text of the ad to kerry@fcba.org. Listings and payment received by the 28th of each month will appear in the following month's newsletter and on the website. Ads should not exceed 500 words. (No headhunters please).

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Junior Corporate Associate – Nelson Mullins is seeking a Junior Corporate Associate to join its Communications, Internet, Technology & Privacy group in the Washington, DC office. As an AmLaw100 firm, this will offer a unique opportunity to a lateral associate who wants to be part of a dynamic and growing team. ****NO AGENCIES PLEASE****

A Day in the Life

Located along Constitution Avenue just across from the U.S. Capitol, the Washington office is staffed with individuals with years of experience at the forefront of political, business, litigation, regulatory, and diplomatic developments.

Understanding how government works and how it impacts the clients of Nelson Mullins is a key service that the Washington office provides. Nelson Mullins represents national and global clients with needs closely tied to the Administration, Congress, regulatory agencies, and the capital's international organizations. Washington office corporate attorneys have transactional experience ranging from banking and securities regulation, including investment company and broker/dealer issues, to commercial real estate and affordable housing.

Washington office litigation attorneys often represent clients in matters of federal agency law and telecommunications.

Representing clients around the country and the world, the firm and its Washington presence enhance our reputation as a full-service law firm. With an office in one of the world's power centers, Nelson Mullins can serve as an advocate for clients from within its footprint and beyond.

All candidates are asked to submit the following application materials:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Copy of law school transcript

We Know You

You have **one to three years of meaningful experience in communications law and data privacy law** with a background that includes experience advising on communications and consumer protection/privacy regulatory matters, as well as exposure to transactional, litigation, and/or enforcement matters. Experience working on matters involving **emerging technologies, digital platforms, broadband, telecommunications, advertising and/or data-driven products and services is highly desirable**; while also demonstrating a strong interest in communications and technology issues, including evolving regulatory frameworks. Excellent writing, analytical, and interpersonal communication skills are required. A collaborative mindset and the ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team are essential. Experience with federal and state

privacy laws, children's privacy laws, the GDPR, and related data protection regimes is preferred, and familiarity with regulatory compliance programs, investigations, and government enforcement is a plus. An IAPP certification (e.g., CIPP/US, CIPP/E, CIPM, or CIPT) is also a plus. **Admission to the District of Columbia Bar, or eligibility and willingness to obtain admission, is required.**

At Nelson Mullins, we are dedicated to transparent and fair compensation practices. Pay for this position is determined by factors such as experience, skills, and location. In addition to base pay, employees may be eligible for performance bonuses and benefits such as healthcare, retirement plans, and paid time off.

The salary/wage range in Washington, DC is \$185,000 - \$205,000 annually

Who We Are

With over 1,000 attorneys and professionals, Nelson Mullins has strong roots in the business community and an appreciation for new directions in the business world. As a Firm, Nelson Mullins has a strong foundation of community service and good citizenship. Our administrative professionals likewise promote these values, with opportunities to participate and play roles in various pro bono and community service initiatives. We collaborate with each other and with our clients, working side-by-side toward shared goals.

How to Apply:

[Nelson Mullins - Careers - Junior Corporate Associate - Communications & Data Privacy in Washington, DC | Careers at Washington \(DCA\) 10](#)

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

TMT LAW & POLICY PIPELINE PROGRAM

The FCBA is grateful to the firms, companies, and associations who financially sponsor the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program. If you are interested in sponsoring the Program for the 2025-2026 year, please do so by following these instructions:

- **SIGN IN to your account.** If you are sponsoring on behalf of a member, sign in using their credentials (username and password).
- Once in your profile, click **EVENTS** in the top menu bar. From there click **FCBA TMT Pipeline Program Sponsorship FY26**. Select the level and complete the transaction.

TMT LAW & POLICY PIPELINE PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

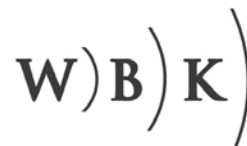
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- Summa (\$2,500)
- Magna (\$1,000)
- Cum Laude (\$500)

Sponsors will receive name recognition for their support in the FCBA newsletter, on the FCBA website, and via social media. In addition, the top two sponsorship tiers will receive logo recognition in the newsletter. This sponsorship is for July 1 through June 30. Note that sponsorship contributions to the FCBA's TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program are not tax deductible. If you wish to sponsor over at a level over \$5,000, please contact Elina at elina@fcba.org.

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FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

(as of 1/31/26)

Eniola Ajose-Adeogun

Mariam Baksh, Inside AI Policy

Alec Bergmann

Ty Bream, Federal Communications Commission

Tom Buehler

Randy Cantz, Freedom Technologies Inc.

J Chen, AST SpaceMobile

Hunter Deeley, Federal

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Lila Perl, Broadband Breakfast

James Rosenfeld, Davis Wright

Tremaine LLP

Ayyah Saleh

Erin Turner

Rebecca van Burken, ispace U.S.

And huge thanks to those who recruited them: Rodney Carter, Brian Dunmore, Jennifer Manner, Katie Mellinger, Stephanie Rigizadeh

Calendar

February 11	Young Lawyers Committee and Legislative Committee Happy Hour
February 12	CLE Seminar: Federal and State Consumer Protection Developments in 2026
February 18	Wireline Committee Lunch and Learn
February 25	Northern California Chapter Careers in Communications/Technology Law
March 11	Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Election and Meeting
March 12	FCBA Seventh Annual Women's Summit
March 18	CLE Seminar: AI in 2031 (with an IP Focus)
May 15-17	FCBA Annual Seminar at The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA



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