



**The Seventh Annual FCBA Women’s Summit
“Women Who are Leading and Shaping the Future of Tech and Policy”**

**Thursday, March 12, 2026 ~ 12:15 – 6:30 p.m.
NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
25 Massachusetts Ave, NW - Suite 100, Washington, DC 20001**

AGENDA

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

12:45 – 1:00 p.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Traci Biswese, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

Belen Crisp, Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

1:00 – 1:40 p.m. FIRESIDE CHAT: FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez in Conversation with Law Students

Panel introduction:

Safeeyah Iverson, first-year, Howard University, School of Law

Law Students:

Madeline Alvarenga, second-year, University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law

Nicole Maxwell, third-year, American University, Washington College of Law

Sophia Winston-Mendoza, second-year, The George Washington Law School

1:40 – 2:20 p.m. GIVE TO GAIN: Leading Through Service and Support

In conjunction with one of the themes of International Women’s Day 2026 “Give to Gain,” which emphasizes the power of reciprocity and support, we will talk to women in our community who have given generously through different organizations about the power of service.

Panel introduction:

Francella Ochillo, Adjunct Professor and Consultant, Johns Hopkins University, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

Panelists:

Christianna Barnhart, Founder and Principal, Boulder Bridge Strategies

Cristina Duarte, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs & In-House Counsel, InnoCaption

Meagan Foster, Vice President, Potomac Strategic Consulting, LLC

Diane Holland, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Moderator:

Jenna Alsayegh, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships, USTelecom – The Broadband Association

2:20 – 2:30 p.m. SNACK BREAK

2:30 – 3:20 p.m. PROTECTING YOUNG AUDIENCES: Privacy Policy at the Intersection of Media and Technology

Hear perspectives from women shaping law and policy surrounding children’s and teens’ online privacy and safety from a variety of vantage points. They will discuss the latest legislative, regulatory, and policy developments — including hot topics like age verification, AI, chatbots, enforcement trends, and updates to the COPPA law and FTC rule — and the implications for media and tech.

Panel introduction:

Madeleine Findley, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

Panelists:

Manmeet Dhindsa, Attorney, Federal Trade Commission

Ariel Fox Johnson, Senior Advisor, Common Sense Media

Lisa Hone

Laura Riposo VanDruff, Partner, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

Moderator:

Joni Lupovitz, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

3:20 – 3:25 p.m. POWER PAUSE

Reset with a guided meditation exercise led by **Lynn Follansbee**, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships, USTelecom – The Broadband Association, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee.

3:30 – 3:40 p.m. SNACK BREAK

3:40 – 4:20 p.m. FORWARD-LOOKING LEADERSHIP: Insights Across Generations of Professionals

This intergenerational conversation brings together professionals at various stages of their careers to share perspectives on leadership and navigating change in the evolving tech and policy landscape. Panelists will reflect on lessons learned, how leadership evolves over time, and strategies for building resilient and forward-looking careers.

Panel introduction:

Martha Heller, VP, Gov’t Relations and Regulatory Counsel, Paramount Global, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

Panelists:

Mia Guizzetti Hayes, Counsel, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and President-Elect, FCBA – The Tech Bar
Jean Kiddoo, Retired After Career in Telecom Private Practice and the FCC
Katie Mellinger, Associate, HWG LLP
Meagan Sunn, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Ice Miller LLP

Moderator:

Dounia Chikhoune, Associate Policy Counsel, JSI, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

4:20 – 4:45 p.m. VIRTUAL FIRESIDE CHAT: FCC Commissioner Olivia Trusty in Conversation with Law Students (pre-recorded)

Panel introduction:

Crystal Tully, Special Counsel, Wiley Rein LLP, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

Law Students:

Francesca Burke, third-year, Georgetown University Law Center
Leah DeFreitas, third-year, Georgetown University Law Center
Cassiopeia Porter, third-year, Howard University, School of Law

4:45 – 5:05 p.m. BREAKING THE ICE: Strategies to Maximize the Benefits of Networking

Effective networking is essential for professional growth, yet many people struggle with how to begin meaningful connections. This session will provide practical strategies for overcoming common networking barriers, starting conversations with confidence, and turning introductions into lasting professional relationships.

Segment introduction:

Emily Daniels, Member, Telecommunications Law Professionals, PLLC, and Co-Chair, FCBA Women’s Leadership Committee

Speaker:

Jennifer Holtz, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, JSI

Host:

Cassandra Vangellow, Associate, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

5:05 – 5:15 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS AND THANKS

Mia Guizzetti Hayes, Counsel, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and President-Elect, FCBA – The Tech Bar

5:15 – 6:30 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION