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Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA

Annual Seminar to be held at The Hotel Hershey May 15-17 ~ Register, 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. The agenda includes fireside chats with FCC Chairman **Brendan Carr** and FCC Commissioner **Anna Gomez**, in addition to an array of other esteemed panelists.

Important Room Reservation Information: The FCBA special group rate has been extended to TUESDAY, APRIL 14. After this date, room rates will increase.

Guests should make reservations online by accessing the following link <https://book.rquest.com/wbe/group/1294/TheHotelHershey/auth>. The Group Code is **10124890** and

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FCBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon with NTIA Administrator Roth on June 9

The FCBA will be holding a luncheon in conjunction with its annual meeting on **Tuesday, June 9**. The program will include announcement of the FCBA election results and recognition of FCBA Foundation scholarship and internship awardees, followed by remarks from Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information & NTIA Administrator **Arielle Roth**.



Administrator Roth

The luncheon will be held at the Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Guests may arrive at 11:40 a.m. and the luncheon will begin at Noon.

[Click here to purchase a Table or an Individual Ticket.](#)

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Upcoming Key Events

Wireline Committee CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday, April 23, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Exploring Robocall Rulemakings and Enforcement Activity

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Young Lawyers Committee: Second Annual Bar Swearing-In Celebration

Date/Time: Thursday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET

Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

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Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committees CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Alerting & Intelligence: AI in Emergency Communications

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Transactional/Space and Global Communications Committees CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Complex Transactions 101-201: Government Contracts Foundations and Deal-Specific Considerations

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International/Space and Global Communications Committees CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Topic: The 2026 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference: Setting the Stage for a Human-Technology Driven Digital Future

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PRESIDENT'S Message

HELLO, FCBA -

In my household, we've been switching back and forth between open windows, heat, and A/C. I think one day in the past week we went through all three—our orange tabby cats probably are regretting having already shed their winter coats. This zig-zagging weather means it must be spring in Washington, D.C. And for the FCBA, that's a very good thing. Spring is one of our most active and exciting times of year.



To call out a few highlights:

- The FCBA's Young Lawyers Committee (YLC) recently held elections. Congratulations to Shannon Sylvester, who is joining Cassie Vangellow as YLC co-chair. I know Cassie and Shannon will do great things for the YLC and for the entire FCBA community.
- Speaking of which, the YLC will host its Second Annual Bar Swearing-In Celebration on Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET at Wiley Rein LLP. I'm honored to preside over the ceremony honoring our newest additions to the bar, alongside colleagues from across the FCBA who will help give them a warm welcome.
- The Annual Seminar is fast approaching. It will be on May 15-17 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Please plan to attend! This is always a special event. WBK's Savannah Schaefer and the whole Annual Seminar Committee have put together an impressive agenda packed with leaders in government, industry, and beyond. And with karaoke moved to Saturday night, everyone will have an extra day to practice.
- Looking ahead to June, we're delighted that NTIA Administrator (and longtime FCBA member) Arielle Roth will be our featured speaker at the Annual Lunch and member meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at the Marriott Marquis. We'll also be announcing the results of FCBA elections for upcoming year.

Of course, we also have a strong slate of CLEs and other committee programming, like the Wireline Committee's upcoming CLE an "Exploring FCC Robocall Rulemakings and Enforcement Activity," on Thursday, April 23 at noon. Please check out all of the FCBA programs on [page 3](#).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the FCBA. I look forward to seeing many of you real soon.

Matt DelNero
FCBA President 2025-2026

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Thursday, April 23, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET Exploring Robocall Rulemakings and Enforcement Activity

The FCBA Wireline Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Thursday, April 23, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Exploring Robocall Rulemakings and Enforcement Activity**. 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

12:00 – 12:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

12:05 – 1:00 p.m.

FCC RULEMAKINGS TARGETING EACH POINT IN THE CALL PATH

The first panel will look at the Ninth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking's (FNPRM) proposals to impose more stringent call labeling requirements and label foreign-originated calls, and how the FNPRM proposals would impact the adoption of branded calling. Panelists will also examine the potential impact of the new Notices of Proposed Rulemaking proposing changes to numbering and foreign call center requirements to combat

robocalling schemes. The panel will provide an update on current Robocall Mitigation Database (RMD) filing and Know Your Customer requirements, along with a discussion of FCC priorities and possible future robocall rulemakings, including addressing non-IP caller ID authentication.

Moderator:

Kelly Laughlin, Attorney at Law, Wiley Rein LLP

Panelists:

Keith Buell, General Counsel & Head of Global Public Policy, Numeracle
Chris Laughlin, Deputy Division Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

Courtney Tolerico, Director, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA

Jennifer Vickers, Director, Government Relations and Public Policy, Twilio

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

FEDERAL AND STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

The second panel will examine the roles of the FCC, FTC, and state attorneys general in robocall enforcement, as well as the future of robocall-related enforcement activity. Panelists will also discuss robocall investigations and the role of tracebacks, along with FCC scrutiny on Robocall Mitigation Database (RMD) filings and the impact of removal. The panel will also discuss FCC blocking requirements, including those based on a reasonable do-not-originate (DNO) list.

Moderator:

Kelly Laughlin, Attorney at Law, Wiley Rein LLP

Panelists:

Ian Barlow, Of Counsel, Wiley Rein LLP

Josh Bercu, Executive Director, Industry Traceback Group and Senior Vice President, USTelecom
Daniel Kahn, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Genesis Monserrate, Attorney Advisor, FCC

Tracy Nayer, Special Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, North Carolina Department of Justice

Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET Alerting & Intelligence: AI in Emergency Communications

The FCBA Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Alerting & Intelligence: AI in Emergency Communications**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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Agenda

AI is rapidly reshaping the emergency communications ecosystem in the U.S. — from 911 call handling to emergency alerting, cybersecurity, and infrastructure resilience. As AI tools move from pilot programs to operational deployment, policymakers and industry stakeholders face legal, regulatory, and governance questions. This program will examine the operational and legal opportunities and challenges with adapting AI into 911 and emergency alerting systems.

2:00 – 2:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2:05 – 3:00 p.m.

AI USE CASES IN 911 AND EMERGENCY ALERTING

Moderator:

Matthew Gerst, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Panelists:

Megan Bixler, Senior Technology Strategist, APCO

Jeremy Hill, Public Safety Advisor, Office of Public Safety Communications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

David Marcos, Senior Director, Responsible AI & Technology Stewardship, Motorola

Donald Zofula, President, CrowzNest Consulting

Additional panelists to be announced.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY QUESTIONS

Moderator:

Mark Reddish, Senior Research Scholar, Institute for Law and AI

Panelists:

Scott Brillman, Director, Fairfax County 911 (VA)

Paul Eisler, Vice President of Cybersecurity, USTelecom

Sara Weston, Executive Director, iCERT
Additional panelists to be announced.

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This two-hour CLE program will examine the legal and practical issues that arise in transactions, including deals involving satellite and other inherently regulated technologies, illustrating how government contracting and regulatory considerations shape deal structure, diligence, and execution.

Speakers to be announced.

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET The 2026 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference: Setting the Stage for a Human-Technology Driven Digital Future

The FCBA Space and Global Communications Committee and International Telecommunications Committee will co-sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET entitled **The 2026 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference: Setting the Stage for a Human-Technology Driven Digital Future**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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MAY 19 CLE

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This CLE will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the ITU plenipotentiary and the issues that will be addressed this year, including elections, space-related and AI.

2:00 – 2:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jillian Quigley, Associate, Wiley Rein

2:05 – 2:20 p.m.

AN OVERVIEW OF PLENIPOT 2026

Audrey Allison, Senior Project Leader, Center for Space Policy and Strategy, Aerospace Corporation

2:20 – 3:10 p.m.

THE ITU'S ROLE (CURRENT AND FUTURE) IN NEW AND EMERGING TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICTS

Moderator:

Aimee Meacham, Senior Advisor, Ivey Consulting

Panelists:

Fiona Alexander, Distinguished Policy Strategist-in-Residence, American University School of International Service, Co-Founder, Salt Point Strategies

Justen Davis, Senior Director, Global Public Policy and Industry Relations, Somos

Ambassador Steve Lang, Senior Advisor, Crest Hill Advisors

Additional panelists to be announced.

3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

SPACE AND SATELLITES: U.S. COMMERCIAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY PRIORITIES

Moderator:

Jennifer A. Manner, Senior Vice President, AST SpaceMobile

Panelists:

Isabelle Mauro, Director General, GSOA

Donna Murphy, Senior Vice President, ViaSat

Jay Schwarz, Chief, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

Additional panelists to be announced.

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).

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the Password is **FCBA2026**. You **MUST** select your arrival and departure dates, otherwise it may show no availability. 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.

Interested in **carpooling** or **room-sharing** opportunities? Fill out **this form** and we'll get back to you with more information.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE AGENDA.](#)

The social side of the seminar will begin with a Friday evening reception and family dinner. After dinner, attendees will have an opportunity to compete for unique prizes at the always popular Bingo Party. Saturday will open with breakfast in the Circular Dining Room and programming. The afternoon will feature FCBA golf and a group activity at The Hershey Story Museum, including a Chocolate Lab Experience and Chocolate Tasting. Saturday evening will feature a reception and dinner buffet, followed by the FCBA's Club Karaoke which will provide the opportunity for one and all to showcase their singing talents for their colleagues, families, and friends. Sunday



morning the seminar closes with breakfast in the Circular Dining Room.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Golf. Participate in the golf outing and enjoy an afternoon at the *Hershey Country Club*, a private, year-round destination for Members of all ages – steeped in a rich history and destined for a sweet tomorrow. Designed by Maurice McCarthy in 1930, the West Course is a traditional, yet ever-enjoyable course. Enjoy sweet, bird's-eye views of the town of Hershey as you play your way through a leisurely day of golf. The West Course requires all 14 clubs,

making it great practice for golfers of all skill levels.

The Hershey Story Museum Chocolate Lab Experience and Chocolate Tasting.

The Hershey Story Museum experience takes visitors on a journey through Milton S. Hershey's life, his chocolate company, his generous philanthropic legacy and the town of Hershey, PA. The family attraction has lots of hands-on things to do and interactive ways to discover the life and legacy of Milton Hershey. Guests of The Hotel Hershey and Hershey Lodge will receive complimentary tickets to the museum at check-in. All ages are admitted.

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Group activity:

Chocolate Lab Experience: Inspired by Milton Hershey's own candy-making apprenticeship, the Chocolate Lab explores the distinctive qualities of chocolate through fun, hands-on experiences and interactive educational demonstrations. Join us for a 45-minute educational class as you can try your hand at chocolate pouring, decorating and of course, tasting as you create a delicious take-home chocolate masterpiece! Plus, learn about the origins of chocolate, how chocolate is grown, and the refinement process.



Chocolate Tasting: Experience a Flight of Warm Drinking Chocolates from Around the World. From fruity African chocolate flavors to Indonesian chocolate with caramel overtones, come hone your skills as a cocoa connoisseur...or simply enjoy a taste of indulgence. Tastings at The Hershey Story are a delicious treat for your taste buds and the perfect way to immerse yourself in the sweet world that inspired Milton Hershey. All Tastings are non-alcoholic.

Group activity includes both the Chocolate Lab Experience and the Chocolate Tasting. To participate in the group activity, children must be at least 5 years old. Children ages 5-12 have a choice between the flight of warm drinking chocolates or a mug of warm milk and a chocolate stirring lollipop.

Fees: Adults (ages 13+): \$20; Children (ages 5-12) with Chocolate Tasting: \$15; Children (ages 5-12) with Warm Milk and Chocolate Stick: \$10

Annual Seminar Sponsorship and Registration Information

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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TO REGISTER AN INDIVIDUAL:

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1. Register the Primary Attendee first.
2. Complete the Attendee Info.
3. On the Attendee Selections screen, select the registration ticket.
4. Indicate if you are signing up for a Saturday afternoon activity. These are optional and you may only select one since they occur at the same time. Additional fees apply.
5. If you are not adding a guest, select Save and Finalize Registration.
6. If you are adding a guest, select Save and Add Another Attendee.
7. Repeat steps for all guests.
8. When all guest registrations are complete, click Save and Proceed to Checkout.
9. Make sure to check your cart in the top righthand corner before Proceeding to Confirmation.

Please contact Elina (elina@fcba.org) with any questions.

A Hike at the Hotel Hershey or an outing to Tröegs Independent Brewery. Hike a trail on the grounds of the hotel or visit **Tröegs** for afternoon refreshments. Organized by the Young Lawyers Committee. For more information, contact Graham Stevenson (gstevenson@wbklaw.com).

ABOUT THE HOTEL HERSHEY

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The Hotel Hershey offers a variety of **activities** for the whole family. Make a splash in the indoor pool, set up a friendly game of basketball, volleyball, or tennis at the sports complex, and experience the great outdoors with miles of hiking trails and the falconry program. Deepen the experience with a soothing massage at **The Spa at Hershey**. To learn more about The Hotel Hershey and its many amenities and activities, go to: <https://www.thehotelhershey.com/>.

GETTING THERE

The Hotel Hershey is about 2 ½ hours from DC by car without traffic. We **STRONGLY** advise that you leave very early on Friday morning (or even Thursday afternoon) to avoid traffic issues.



ANNUAL MEETING

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*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.

Arielle Roth was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on July 30, 2025. In this role, she serves as Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the Executive Branch agency principally responsible for advising the President on communications, broadband, and internet policy.

Prior to joining NTIA, Roth spent nearly a decade shaping federal communications and broadband policy, holding senior roles on Capitol Hill and at the Federal Communications Commission. She most recently served as Policy Director for Telecommunications on the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation under Chairman Ted Cruz (R-TX), and previously as Legislative Counsel to former Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO).

At the FCC, Roth served as Wireline Legal Advisor to former Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and as Legal Advisor to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Earlier in her career, she was a Legal Fellow with the Hudson Institute's Center for the Economics of the Internet.

Roth holds degrees from the University of Toronto and McGill University Faculty of Law. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Yaakov, and their six children.

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Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
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For more information: See [page 3](#)
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International Telecommunications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the Space and Global Communications Committee
Date/Time: Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
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New England Chapter

Event: Lunch and Learn – In-person
Date/Time: Thursday, April 30, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm ET
Location: MA Technology Collaborative, 75 North Drive, Westborough, MA 01581
Topic: AI in New England. AI is impacting every aspect of life and the operations of government, industry and academic institutions. AI functionality, applications and use cases are proliferating and evolving at a rapid pace. The Lunch & Learn will bring together stakeholders for a lively and informative discussion of the current state of play, strategic priorities, AI governance models, and real-world use cases. Attendees will hear from the Massachusetts AI Hub, which was launched in 2024 as a key recommendation of the MA AI Strategic Task Force with the goal of cementing the state as a global leader in the development, deployment and governance of AI. Join us as we hear from a diverse group of stakeholders that are driving growth of the AI ecosystem. Additional speakers to be announced. Lunch will be provided.
[Click here to register.](#)

Space and Global Communications Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the Transactional Committee
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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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Transactional Committee

Event: CLE Seminar co-hosted by the Space and Global Communications Committee
Date/Time: Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Complex Transactions 101-201: Government Contracts Foundations and Deal-Specific Considerations
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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Wireline Committee

Event: CLE Seminar
Date/Time: Thursday, April 23, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Exploring Robocall Rulemakings and Enforcement Activity
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](#)
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Young Lawyers Committee/ Federal Communications Law Journal

Event: YLC/FCLJ Spring Happy Hour
Date/Time: Thursday, April 16, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ET
Location: Hotel Hive Bar, 2224 F Street NW, Washington, DC
Celebrate the end of the spring semester with the Federal Communications Law Journal and the FCBA Young Lawyers Committee at a joint happy hour! Join us for drinks, conversation, and a great opportunity to connect with law students and practitioners as we wrap up the semester. All are welcome, including FCLJ members, law students, young lawyers, and other FCBA members. We hope you can join us! This event will be a cash bar. Attendees are kindly encouraged to support the venue with a minimum spend of \$20. Food will be available for purchase à la carte.
[Click here to register.](#)

Young Lawyers Committee

Date/Time: Thursday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET
Location: Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036
Topic: Young Lawyers Committee Second Annual Bar Swearing-In Celebration
Join the Young Lawyers Committee on Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Wiley Rein LLP for a ceremony honoring the newest members of our FCBA community, as President Matt DelNero presides over the ceremony and offers words of encouragement to all newly minted attorneys. Distinguished members of the legal community will also be in attendance to welcome and support the new class.
[Click here to register.](#)

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.

The Golf Committee always welcomes prize donations or those interested in assisting on the Golf Committee.



Westfields Golf Course

Contact Golf Committee Chair Henry Gola (HGola@Wiley.Law) if you want to contribute.

Our goal and motto: “What a great concept: Do good and have fun at the same time!”

Registration details will be emailed to members in the coming weeks.

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.
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2026-2027 Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs

President-Elect **Mia Guizzetti Hayes** is in the process of identifying FCBA Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs for this coming year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

Co-Chairs are responsible for organizing CLEs, lunch & learns, and other important events. Note that these positions require a meaningful time commitment throughout the year, and we ask that you carefully consider your availability before expressing interest.

We invite you to review our [committees](#) and [regional chapters](#) to see where your interests align. If you would like to be considered, please contact Mia (mhayes@willkie.com) and copy Stephanie Budaker (stephanie@fcba.org) by **Friday, May 1**. Include your chapter interest or top three committee choices. We will try our best to accommodate all requests but note that spots are limited.

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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:

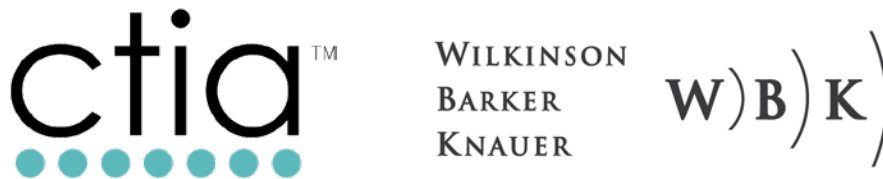
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Jonathan Spalter

By: Laura Phillips

Jonathan Spalter is the President and CEO of USTelecom – The Broadband Association. In his role, he leads a roughly thirty-person team advocating for federal and state broadband policy on behalf of more than 100 USTelecom members. These consist of internet service providers, suppliers, and manufacturers committed to connecting the world through the power of broadband. Jonathan has been with USTelecom for nine years and when we got together, he was eager to reinforce for FCBA members reading this column that his team is extraordinarily dedicated, talented and really likes to have fun when they get the chance. I enjoyed his ebullient take on life and on what telecom policy enables for society.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I have always been a bit of a tech geek, including having been in a ham radio club in high school, but it was in the earlier days of the commercial internet, along about 1998, at the White House and as Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Information Agency, that I got really hooked. At USIA, a key mission for my team was to develop a series of pilots to test-bed bringing internet access to diplomatic missions around the world using low earth orbit VSAT technology. I'm just as enthralled today by this amazing thing called broadband as I was then.

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

A: I've been a pretzel vendor at Madison Square Garden in New York City. A broadcast journalist covering foreign affairs in D.C. and in Boston. I've held national security roles at the White House, Pentagon, and State Department. And prior to USTelecom, I've held CEO and other management roles in internet and communications companies in Paris and San Francisco as well as heading the D.C.-based wireless association Mobile Future.

Q: That's quite a diverse range of work experiences. Have things unfolded in your career more or less the way you planned?

A: No -- partially because I've never really planned it all out. Everyone must evaluate their own level of risk tolerance in career planning or advancement. My own consistent path has been to seek out and embrace doing things that really interest me, while prioritizing having a positive impact in whatever role I had. That's not necessarily the most practical approach to career planning. But I always encourage younger professionals and invite them to try to build careers that can have an impact on things they value and are passionate about. I think that everything works out ok at the end of the day and it's absolutely ok, if not essential, to fail at times. But I recognize that different people maintain different sensibilities about taking risks.

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

A: Playing a role alongside my teammates and our members in helping broadband technology evolve from being a sidebar to a central part of our national conversations across the entire policy waterfront.

I am proud, and I think all FCBA members should be as well that we've been a part of the transformational success of broadband and all it can do. As a community and as a bar association, we do incredibly important work advancing the power and the promise of communications technology in our society. We can take deep satisfaction in our shared mission in that it delivers positive, real-life impact.

On the personal side, when my then eight-year-old daughter was diagnosed in 2011 with type 1 diabetes, she was admitted to a clinical trial meant to help make the dream of the broadband powered artificial pancreas a reality. What blew me away when she arrived at the children's hospital at Stanford University was the pediatric endocrinology team included not only doctors and nurses but also network engineers and coders developing closed-loop technologies aimed at predictively controlling a patient's insulin levels. The head of the research trial promised my daughter that by the time she was ready for college the technology would be available. And lo and behold, just a couple of months before she left for college, the artificial pancreas arrived at our door, making her life, and so many thousands of others like her, safer. You'll never convince me that the work we do to enable broadband connectivity isn't lifesaving and life enhancing.

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

A: A dear mentor of mine had a sign on his desk that read, "The person who is willing to defer credit can achieve unimaginable things." That has been the touchstone for me when it comes to what leadership really means.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: You mean when I am not waiting for the next edition of Phil and Jon's *Digital Crossroads*? Mostly history, biography and poetry, an occasional novel, not to mention tons of policy and tech periodicals, substacks, and blogs. Do podcasts count as reading? If so, *The Rest is History* and *Past, Present, Future*.

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

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Get to Know an FCBA MEMBER

JONATHAN SPALTER

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A: I had a brief stint as an actor in Hong Kong, with a supporting role in a kung fu movie. This happened right after I graduated from university and had won a one year travelling fellowship to do a research project in Asia. At the time, I was living in Hong Kong, where I attended the first international film festival there with a friend, and a film producer from Jackie Chan's movie studio approached me to see if I'd be interested in playing a supporting role in an upcoming movie. My only question was "does it pay?" It did and I was cast as a bad guy. I worked for about a month shooting a bunch of scenes around Hong Kong (I even had a stunt double for the fight scenes!). While it didn't earn me all that much money, it certainly earned me tons of street cred when many years later I screened the movie to our kids.

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's professional journey in the communications sector need not be linear, nor does it need to be rooted only in Washington, D.C.

Q: What are you looking forward to doing next?

A: Getting admitted to law school at Catholic University so I can take Patrick Halley and Justin Faulb's communications law class.

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

A: I've been lucky to have worked in a number of different places around the world and across various industry sectors in both the private and public spheres, but I've never come across a professional community as collegial, mutually supportive, and mission-driven as the women and men of the FCBA. As someone coming out of the Silicon Valley tech world, I have to say I'd not seen anything like it. I really love the energy and enthusiasm of the young lawyers who year in, and year out create

new networks that are valuable to them as they progress in their careers. I also really appreciate that the FCBA is inclusive of non-lawyers as members. We also have been serial supporters of the FCBA's inspiring scholarship programs.

In terms of events and programs, I have to say I really treasure the Women's Summit, which our Association also proudly supports, and my colleague Lynn Follansbee is involved in. It's so inspirational and motivating to see some of the industry's brilliant minds and leaders interact. I also am amused when I recall attending my first ever FCBA Annual Dinner ... After having lived way outside the beltway for so many years, I felt a bit like Margaret Mead encountering natives in local garb and attempting to decipher their customs and rituals. Now I know it's an evening I look forward to, to celebrate important moments, professional milestones, and friendships.

Interested in learning more about another FCBA member? If there is a member you'd like to know better, contact Laura Phillips at laura@phillipscommlaw.com.

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Director, Regulatory Affairs – CTIA-The Wireless Association is seeking a Director to join its Regulatory Affairs team in our Washington, D.C. office. The Director will work with the team to promote the wireless industry's positions on Federal regulatory policy issues. The Director will help the team monitor regulatory activity; develop advocacy materials for the FCC and other federal agencies, including comments, letters, and presentations; conduct research on precedent, laws, and policy initiatives; and coordinate with CTIA members and outside counsel.

Who We Are

CTIA represents the U.S. wireless communications industry, from wireless providers and equipment manufacturers to mobile app developers and content creators. With over 40 years in the wireless industry, we're passionate about bringing together a dynamic group of companies that enable consumers to lead a 21st Century connected life. Named "Best Place to Work" for 6 years by

The Washington Post, CTIA is proud to foster a collaborative professional environment which benefits employees and members alike.

Who You Are

We're looking for an attorney with excellent written communication and organizational skills, as well as demonstrated commitment to collaboration. Applicants should have a J.D. and a minimum of 2-4 years of experience in communications law. The ideal candidate for this role will have an interest in wireless communications policy and be excited about the opportunity to learn about regulation affecting the industry alongside an experienced team in a fast-paced environment.

Application Instructions

To submit your application, please visit careers.ctia.org and include:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Writing Sample

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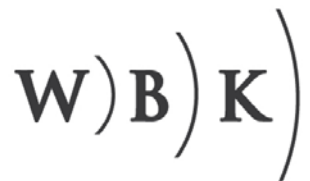


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FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

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M. Aya Kiy-Morrocco
Charles Yarborough

And huge thanks to those who recruited them: Diane Holland

Calendar

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April 30	New England Chapter Lunch and Learn: AI in New England
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June 9	FCBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Marriott Marquis
June 23	FCBA Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
July 1	FCBA Membership and Fiscal Year Begins
November 10	FCBA/FCBA Foundation Annual Charity Auction at the Hamilton Live

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