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Doug Kinkoph Selected to Receive the FCBA Excellence in Government Service Award

Doug Kinkoph has been selected to receive the FCBA's 20th annual award for outstanding government service. The award was first given in 2008 to recognize individuals with long-term careers in federal government in the communications field who are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in public service.



Doug Kinkoph

Doug is Associate Administrator of NTIA's Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth. Kinkoph joined the Department of Commerce in 2010 and has served in a number of roles, including Acting Assistant Secretary, working on issues including spectrum management, broadband, and public safety communications.

In his current role, Kinkoph is responsible for NTIA's broadband programs, including

implementation and management of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, and the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program. He oversees the Broadband Infrastructure, Tribal Broadband Connectivity, and Connecting Minority Communities Pilot programs. He oversaw the \$4 billion Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, which funded the deployment of broadband infrastructure, public

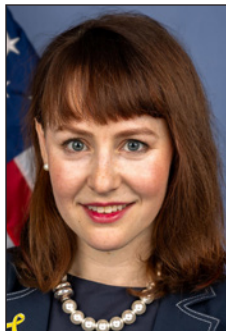
computer centers, sustainable adoption of broadband service, and statewide broadband planning. He was instrumental in creating NTIA's BroadbandUSA program.

Before joining the Department, Doug held executive roles in communications and as a

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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



Arielle Roth

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FCBA Summer Reception to be held on June 29

The FCBA is pleased to announce that it will hold its Summer Reception on **Monday, June 29** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the National Association of Broadcasters, 1 M Street, SE, Washington, DC.

Doug Kinkoph has been selected to receive the FCBA's Excellence in Government Service Award, which will be presented during the reception.

Sponsorships of the event are available for \$1,000 and \$750, and include registrations to the reception. Sponsors will receive recognition at the event, in addition to being listed in the FCBA newsletter, in

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Upcoming Key Events

Transactional Practice/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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Wireline Committee Happy Hour

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ET

Location: DLA Piper, 500 Eighth Street NW, Washington, DC 20004

Topic: Meet the 10th Floor Wireline Advisors and Bureau Chief

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Northern California Chapter

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 27, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Location: DLA Piper, 555 Mission St #2400, San Francisco, CA, 94105, and Virtual

Topic: Northern California Chapter Lunch & Learn with Julie Kearney

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Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics/Wireless Telecommunications Committees CLE Seminar

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Topic: AI & Wireless: Emerging Trends and Issues in Federal & State Policy

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State and Local Practice Committee CLE Seminar

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Topic: Don't Stop BEAD-liev'in: Tracking Broadband Deployment Progress, Pitfalls, and Policy Implications

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PRESIDENT'S Message

HELLO, FCBA –

If you're reading this, I want to thank you for taking the time to peruse the FCBA Newsletter and to take the further step of reading this column. And I'm excited to let you know about a change planned for the FCBA Newsletter, the very document open right now in your PDF reader or web browser (or in your hands if you've printed it out).



Later this summer, the FCBA Newsletter will relaunch in a refreshed, email-forward format that improves how members engage with Newsletter content and helps the FCBA share that work more effectively across platforms. It will be easier to read on any device and better suited to amplifying the great work being done across our committees, chapters, and sections.

We are, after all, the Tech Bar, so it probably is time to move on from our beloved PDF.

None of this should detract from the legacy of the current format, which has served us well for over two decades. The success of the current format explains why we haven't changed it until now—when things work well, it can be hard to change. But we are willing to evolve when we believe doing so will better serve the membership.

As with everything the FCBA does, many people are working to make this change happen. This includes the Officers and the Executive Committee, including our incoming President, Mia Guizzetti Hayes. Mia will lead us in the launch. Not surprisingly, our staff—especially Kerry Loughney and Stephanie Budaker—are playing a leading role and devoting considerable time and thought to this project.

To be clear, the new newsletter won't be stuck in time either. Particularly with a more dynamic format, we as an organization will make changes along the way. Member feedback will be critical, as it always is.

In fact, you need not wait until the relaunch to share suggestions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Kerry, Stephanie, Mia, me or any of the other officers with ideas or questions.

Perhaps we can even discuss it over chocolate bars at our Annual Seminar in Hershey. Speaking of which, I'm excited to see many of you there on May 15-17. It's going to be a great weekend.

A belated May the Fourth be with all of you. I was trying unsuccessfully to make the Kessel run in less than 12 parsecs, so I hope you'll forgive my slightly belated greeting.

Matt DelNero
FCBA President 2025-2026



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Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Complex Transactions 101-201: Government Contracts Foundations and Deal-Specific Considerations

The FCBA Transactional Practice and Space and Global Communications Committees will co-sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled **Complex Transactions 101-201: Government Contracts Foundations and Deal-Specific Considerations**. 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!

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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

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1:05 – 2:00 p.m.
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS 101

A large percentage of tech, telecom, and media companies have government contracts. These contracts are often the source of instrumental revenue for companies that develop new and novel dual-use technologies. As the FCC and other federal agencies shift policies that focus on American companies that can provide goods and services to the government and Americas across the country, are there any considerations companies should take to better position themselves for future contracts? Many FCBA members don't have experience navigating the complex regulations that govern those agreements. Come learn government contract basics from people who interact in this space on a daily basis, so you have fun facts to share at your next cocktail party!

Moderator

Henry Wendel, Special Counsel, Cooley LLP

Panelists:

Leslie P. Blaker Glass, Vice President Strategic and Corporate Development, Hughes

David Fletcher, Partner, Cooley LLP

Scott Flesch, Member, Miller & Chevalier

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP 101

In addition to government contracting, foreign ownership considerations increasingly shape the complex structure, timing, and viability of FCC-regulated transactions, often triggering parallel review by Team Telecom and CFIUS or raising other national security concerns. This panel will provide a practical, transaction-focused discussion of how to identify foreign ownership risk early, negotiate around regulatory uncertainty, and work effectively with regulators to manage approval processes and timeline expectations. Panelists will also address post-closing compliance obligations that may be imposed through mitigation agreements.

Moderator:

Jocelyn Jezierny, Associate, Covington & Burling LLP

Panelists:

Devin DeBacker, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP

John Flynn, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP
Pierce Frazier, Team Telecom and ICTS Branch Chief, Office of Global Investment and Economic Security, U.S. Department of War (Tentative)
FCC Representative (Invited)

Tuesday, June 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET AI & Wireless: Emerging Trends and Issues in Federal & State Policy

The FCBA Wireless Telecommunications and Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committees will co-sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, June 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled **AI & Wireless: Emerging Trends and Issues in Federal & State Policy**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

[Click here to register.](#)

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Do you have questions? Check out the FCBA FAQs page!

- How do I renew?
- How do I update my contact information?
- How do I find invoices and receipts?
- And more...

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

If you still have questions, please contact Elina at elina@fcba.org.

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This two-hour CLE program will explore how artificial intelligence is developing in the wireless ecosystem, including AI applications in wireless networks, spectrum and domestic policy considerations shaping AI development, key questions in international standards setting processes, and emerging trends and challenges in the States.

1:00 – 1:05 p.m. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

1:05 – 2:00 p.m. **AI IN WIRELESS NETWORKS, FEDERAL POLICY, AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **AI REGULATION AT THE STATE LEVEL: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY**

Speakers to be announced.

Thursday, June 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET **Don't Stop BEAD-lievin': Tracking Broadband Deployment Progress, Pitfalls, and Policy Implications**

The **FCBA State and Local Practice Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Thursday, June 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Don't Stop BEAD-lievin': Tracking Broadband Deployment Progress, Pitfalls, and Policy Implications**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

This CLE program examines the current state of broadband deployment under

the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, with a focus on how funding is translating into on-the-ground infrastructure. Panelists will provide an update on state implementation efforts, subgrantee selection, and evolving compliance obligations, while highlighting key legal and regulatory issues emerging during deployment. The discussion will also explore practical challenges facing providers and policymakers, including permitting, labor, supply chain constraints, and coordination with other federal and state broadband initiatives. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of where BEAD deployment stands today and what to expect as projects move from planning to execution.

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2026 FCBA Election Voting Closes May 27!

Voting for the 2026 FCBA election will close at 2:00 p.m. on May 27, 2026. The online voting process is both simple and quick, allows you to review your vote before clicking on the green SUBMIT button to cast your ballot, and gives you a receipt confirming that your vote was cast. The ballot has a photo of each candidate as well as a link that will take you to their FCBA biographical information.

On April 29, all members eligible to vote in the election received an email from FCBA Executive Director Kerry Loughney with their username, password, and the link needed to access the election voting website. Please note that the voting does not happen on the FCBA website.

The election winners will be announced at the FCBA Annual Meeting, will be listed on the FCBA website following the Annual Meeting, and will be announced in the July FCBA newsletter.

If you did not receive the email with your username and password, have problems with your username, password, or gaining access to the ballot, please contact Kerry Loughney at kerry@fcba.org.

Please take time to support the candidates by voting in the election.

FCBA ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

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Information & NTIA Administrator Arielle 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.](#)

*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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promotional emails, on the website, and on social media outlets. Individual tickets to the reception also may be purchased.

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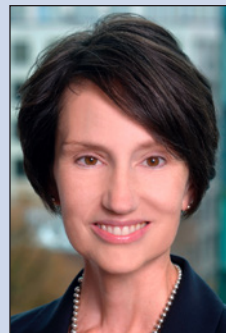
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REGISTRATION FEES

- FCBA Private Sector Member: \$150.00 each
- FCBA Non-Profit 501c3 Member: \$125.00 each
- FCBA Government/Academic/Retired/Transitional Member: \$70.00 each
- FCBA Law Student Member: \$45.00 each
- FCBA Non-Member: \$275.00

Save the Date: A Memorial Celebration for Julie Veach on June 26

HWG LLP invites you to join them for a memorial reception celebrating and honoring the life and legacy of partner Julie Veach, a beloved colleague, mentor, and dedicated FCBA member. The celebration will be held on **Friday, June 26**, at the firm's office at 1919 M Street NW., Washington, D.C. Additional details will be shared as they are finalized.



Save the Date for the 2026 Charity Auction!

Mark your calendar for the **37th Annual FCBA/FCBA Foundation Charity Auction** that will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**, at the Hamilton Live, 600 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Keep an eye out for more details on the beneficiary, sponsorships, and donation information.

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AWARD

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telecommunications policy expert. He served as Vice President of Operations at Soundpath Conferencing, where he was responsible for sales, marketing, and customer service. He served in senior regulatory and policy roles at XO Communications, Nextlink, and LCI. He has degrees in Telecommunication Management from Ohio University and Administration from Central Michigan University.

COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committee

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For more information: See [page 3](#)
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Northern California Chapter

Event: Lunch and Learn (Hybrid)
Date/Time: Wednesday, May 27, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. PT (3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET)
Location: In-person at DLA Piper, 555 Mission St #2400, San Francisco, CA, 94105, and Virtual
Topic: Northern California Chapter Lunch & Learn with Julie Kearney
Join the Northern California Chapter of the Federal Communications Bar Association for a special Lunch & Learn featuring Julie Kearney, one of the world's leading voices in space, satellite, and communications law. Julie is a globally recognized lawyer with more than 25 years of experience working with governments, industry, and the public sector to shape legal and regulatory frameworks that enable transformative technologies. Most recently, she served as the first ever Chief of the FCC's Space Bureau, where she represented the Chairwoman and Commissioners on satellite and space-based communications matters and helped steer U.S. policy in the rapidly evolving New Space Age. Under Julie's leadership, the

FCC unanimously adopted multiple landmark regulatory frameworks and launched initiatives designed to advance U.S. leadership in space and satellite communications. This engaging lunch and learn program will offer timely insights into the future of space and satellite regulation, innovation at the FCC, and what lies ahead for the communications ecosystem. Time will be reserved for interactive Q&A. Lunch will be served for those attending in person. The virtual link will be emailed to registrants closer to the event date.
[Click here to register.](#)

Space and Global Communications Committee

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Location: DLA Piper, 500 Eighth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004
Topic: Meet the 10th Floor Wireline Advisors and Bureau Chief
Please join the FCBA's Wireline Committee on May 20, 2026, for a happy hour with the FCC's 10th Floor wireline advisors and the Wireline Competition Bureau Chief.
Speakers: Danielle Thumann, Senior Counsel for Chairman Brendan Carr, Marcus Maher, Senior Legal Advisor for Commissioner Olivia Trusty, Harsha Mudaliar, Policy Advisor and External Affairs Liaison for Commissioner Anna Gomez, Joseph Calascione, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
[Click here to register.](#)

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).

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



Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia

in assisting on the Golf Committee. 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!”

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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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- Individual Hole Sponsorship \$200: Full page ad in the event program. Hole signage.

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Kathy Grillo

By: Laura Phillips

I first met Kathy quite a number of years ago when we were both co-chairs on an FCBA committee. To me, she has always been the epitome of a calm, confident corporate leader, as well as a grounded, thoughtful individual. So, I was excited when she agreed to be interviewed for this column. Kathy has had a long career at Verizon, where she is Senior Vice President Public Policy & Government Affairs. This means that she leads all of Verizon's federal and state public policy, legislative and regulatory work. Kathy and her team represent Verizon before the US Congress and Administration, the FCC and other federal agencies, and state and local governments. Given the scope of this endeavor, it is not surprising that Kathy reports there are over a hundred people on the team, some of whom have been with the company for forty or more years and others who are just starting out in their careers.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: It was chance really. I was recruited to Verizon when I was an associate at a law firm. I didn't know much about telecom, although oddly enough I clerked for Federal District Court Judge Harold H. Greene, who presided over the antitrust suit that led to the breakup of AT&T and the creation of companies like Verizon. He'd moved on to other cases of course by then, but I recall he had quite the collection of Modified Final Judgement/Tunney Act binders!

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

A: I am lucky enough to have spent almost my entire career at Verizon and most of that in the Public Policy & Government Affairs organization – I will be here 24 years in June. I started in 2002 as an FCC lawyer and then was promoted to lead the Federal Regulatory team in 2009. In 2015 I took over leadership of the entire group. Before Verizon I was an associate at Williams & Connolly in DC where I was a litigator. I also worked at Record World in the 90s. Maybe my favorite job ever.

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

A: Definitely not. When I started at Verizon, I never thought I would spend my entire career at the company, nor did I think I would get the chance to lead a major organization and be part of the executive leadership team. At the beginning of my career, I felt a lot of anxiety and uncertainty about my career decisions. I hadn't developed the confidence to know that if I followed my own deep knowing and intuition, I would create my own luck and opportunity. That came later, after some hard-earned life experience. Thank goodness for it however, because I honestly landed my dream job.

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

A: Transaction/merger regulatory approvals have been the most interesting and challenging, particularly in the last few years. They are also the most rewarding because they are so important to the strategic direction of the company. I also really enjoy spectrum issues and working on spectrum auctions and policy through the transitions to 4G and 5G have been fascinating.

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

A: Our team at Verizon constantly surprises and impresses me. My favorite part of being a leader (and what I am sure I will remember far more intensely than FCC orders or legislative victories) is watching people change, evolve, and thrive when they feel that their leadership and their peers believe in them. When I eventually retire, knowing that I had a hand in mentoring and developing the talents and careers of these folks, knowing that me being there at those pivotal moments with individuals mattered is what I'll remember and be proud of.

Q: What do you enjoy reading?

A: Reading is one of my passions. I bounce between lowbrow and highbrow – lately I love reading about history and art history. My recent faves are *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt and *Glory of Their Times: The Story of the Early Days of Baseball Told by the Men Who Played It*. It is an oral history of the players from the very earliest days of the sport. The writer spent ten years tracking down these incredible players that everyone had forgotten and documenting their stories. Many of them ended up in the Baseball Hall of Fame after it was published in 1966.

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

A: I love learning and am always taking up new hobbies and classes to expand my perspective and call in some fun and joy. I tend to spend time and personal energy on intentional learning, focusing on areas where I'm not an expert and I have to approach it with a beginner's mind. For example, I took several improv classes at the DC Improv last year and I plan to take a few more this year. I also just spent a week in March at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY to amp up my cooking/baking game. My classmates for the week were from all over the world and we all were all thrown into a sort of bootcamp of lectures, demonstrations and then hands-on meal prep.

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KATHY GRILLO

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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: This is a big one for me – I get this question often and I almost always say the same thing. Ask for what you want. If you want a new opportunity, a promotion, a different work assignment, or honest feedback, you have to ask. Bosses aren't mind readers and they need to hear from you directly. Naming your aspirations out loud is an important part of this process. Opportunities rarely just show up fully formed and waiting for you; you help create them when you are clear with your leadership (and yourself) about what you want and where you want to go. And it is not a good sign if that kind of honesty and dialogue about career development

isn't welcome or encouraged in your organization.

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

A: Verizon has a new CEO and new leadership team. It is an exciting time to be at the company; the pace of change internally (and externally) is incredible. I am looking forward to being a part of that transformation. Personally, I love amusement parks and I am excited about my yearly trip to Hershey Park with my two teenage nieces coming up soon.

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

A: 24 years! I joined the FCBA the same month I joined Verizon in 2002. We have a large team here in DC and all of us are members – obviously the social/

networking part is critical and the CLE programming is top notch. But from a personal perspective I think the FCBA Pipeline Program has been the most impactful. Verizon was one of the first companies to sign on and we have had the honor of welcoming many wonderful interns to our team as a result.

I also think back to how significant and helpful to me the relationships I formed with others in the FCBA has been and continues to be. As a younger lawyer I was able to get experience outside of the company presenting on panels, and meeting people from the Hill, the FCC and elsewhere, a couple of whom are at Verizon today! It's a wonderful association for all of these reasons.

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.

TMT LAW & POLICY PIPELINE *Program*

We are excited to announce the **2026 Summer Series** for the Federal Communications Bar Association's TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program—an engaging lineup of professional development, networking, and mentorship opportunities designed to support our students throughout their summer internships.

Building on the momentum of this year's program, the Summer Series offers a mix of **in-person, virtual, and hybrid events** that connect participants directly with industry leaders, mentors, and peers across the technology, media, and telecommunications sectors.

This year's programming includes:

- A **Kick-off Happy Hour** on Thursday, May 28th at Wilkinson Barker Knauer,

LLP to bring students, alumni, and program leaders together in a relaxed networking setting

- Interactive **Lunch & Learn sessions** focused on mentorship and internship success strategies on Tuesday, June 2nd and Thursday, June 4th
- A dynamic **Speed Mentoring Session** connecting students with experienced professionals on Wednesday, June 10th
- A unique opportunity to attend an **FCC Open Meeting**, followed by a **fireside chat with FCC leadership** on Thursday, June 25th
- A wellness-focused event centered on maintaining balance during a busy summer

- A celebratory **End-of-Year Event** to recognize student achievements and close out the program

Events will take place from **late May through mid-July**, with both in-person gatherings in Washington, DC and virtual options to ensure broad participation.

If you are interested in either volunteering in our ex parte session or serving as a mentor, please email us at tmtpipeline@fcba.org.

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

TMT LAW & POLICY PIPELINE PROGRAM

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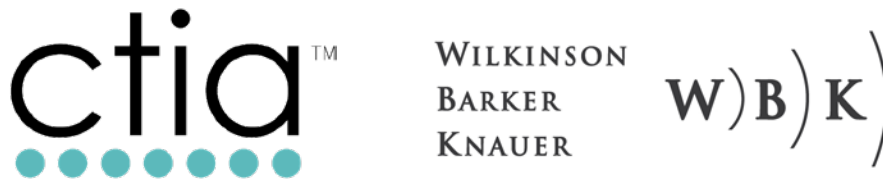
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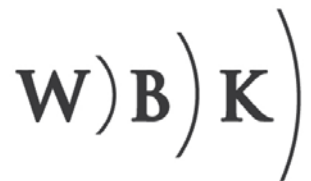


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5.26.1

Appellate Attorney, FCC OGC, Washington, DC (formal designation Trial Attorney, ATTY-OGC-2026-004)

The FCC's Office of General Counsel, Litigation Division, seeks to hire an experienced litigator to join the Division's highly skilled and collegial group of appellate specialists. The position would involve defending Commission orders in a wide variety of matters, primarily in the federal appellate courts but also, on occasion, in the federal trial courts and other tribunals. Among other things, the individual hired will have primary responsibility for merits briefing in appellate matters and regular opportunities to present oral argument. There will also be opportunities to work in cooperation with the Office of the Solicitor General on matters before the U.S. Supreme Court that implicate the FCC's interests, and with the Department of Justice on various trial-level matters. This position may be filled at either the GS-14 or GS-15 level.

Further details, as well as required qualifications and how to apply, may be found here: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/866763100>. Applications must be submitted no later than May 27.

5.26.2

Attorney Advisor (Agenda Review), FCC OGC, Washington, DC (ATTY-OGC-2026-001)

The FCC's Office of General Counsel, Administrative Law Division, seeks experienced attorneys for the position of Attorney Advisor (Agenda Review). The agenda review attorney teams provide legal advice to the Commission's Bureaus and Offices and to the Chairman and Commissioners regarding proposed FCC policy initiatives and proceedings, and they review and provide advice on draft Commission decisions. They conduct legal research and analysis and prepare memos on issues of communications law, administrative law, constitutional law, and other areas of law that may arise. This position may be filled at either the GS-14 or GS-15 level. OGC's Administrative Law Division offers interesting and challenging work in a collegial environment.

For more information and to apply for this position, please go to the USAJobs website: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/865813400>. Applications must be submitted no later than May 20.

5.26.3

Deputy Associate General Counsel (Supervisory Attorney Advisor), FCC OGC, Washington, DC (ATTY-OGC-2026-002)

The FCC's Office of General Counsel, Administrative Law Division, seeks to fill the supervisory position of Deputy Associate General Counsel. The ideal candidate for this position would possess experience in one or more of the following: federal appropriations law; federal procurement law, including bid protests; providing legal advice on complex FCC programs involving significant federal funds, such as the Universal Service Fund or spectrum auctions; or providing oral and written advice and legal sufficiency reviews across a wide range of administrative law matters, including interpretation of statutes, executive orders, regulations, guidance, and precedent. The work of this team supports multiple FCC programs which provide subsidies for bridging the digital divide and generate billions of dollars for the U.S. Treasury, as well as multi-million dollar procurements for IT initiatives and program administrators. The position involves interacting with senior leadership at all levels of the FCC. This position is at the GS-15 level, and reports to the Associate General Counsel (who is Chief of the Administrative Law Division). OGC's Administrative Law Division offers interesting and challenging work in a collegial environment.

For more information and to apply for this position, please go to the USAJobs website: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/685589600>. Applications must be submitted no later than May 20.

5.26.4

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

CTIA is currently operating on a hybrid work schedule with in-person requirements on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with in-person requirements on other days on an as necessary basis.

The annual salary range for this position is \$150,000-\$205,000. Actual pay will be adjusted based on the candidate's education, training, experience and other job-related factors permitted by law. CTIA offers a comprehensive and competitive benefits package, including health, dental, and vision insurance; longterm and shortterm disability coverage; life insurance; Healthcare and Dependent Care FSAs; a 401(k) plan with employer match; commuter and transit benefits; as well as paid vacation, sick time and federal holidays.

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(as of 4/30/26)

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Joshua Goodman, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

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Hugo Guzman

Eileen Keenan, U.S. Department of Justice

Alan Purvis, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Ramon Ryan, Amazon - Project Kuiper

Lorna Strachan, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

James White, New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Assn

Zachary Willenbrink, Godfrey & Kahn

And huge thanks to those who recruited them: Betsy McIntyre

Calendar

May 12	CLE Seminar: Complex Transactions 101-201: Government Contracts Foundations and Deal-Specific Considerations
May 15-17	FCBA Annual Seminar at The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA
May 20	Wireline Committee Happy Hour: Meet the 10th Floor Wireline Advisors and Bureau Chief
May 27	Northern California Chapter Lunch and Learn with Julie Kearney
June 2	CLE Seminar: AI & Wireless: Emerging Trends and Issues in Federal & State Policy
June 9	FCBA Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Marriott Marquis
June 11	CLE Seminar: Don't Stop BEAD-lievin': Tracking Broadband Deployment Progress, Pitfalls, and Policy Implications
June 23	FCBA Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
June 26	Memorial Celebration in Honor of Julie Veach hosted by HWG
June 29	FCBA Summer Reception
July 1	FCBA Membership and Fiscal Year Begins
November 10	FCBA/FCBA Foundation Annual Charity Auction at the Hamilton Live



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