



TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program



2025-2026 Student Packet

Dear First-Year Law Students, Faculty, and Administrators,

I am delighted to share with you the 2026 Student Application Packet for the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program. For over five years, the Pipeline Program has connected 1L law students with internships in technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) law and policy in Washington, DC.

[FCBA—the Tech Bar](#) is the premier association for attorneys and other professionals involved in TMT law and policy. Among other things, we continuously welcome and nurture new members, especially those who are just starting their legal careers. I speak from experience, having joined the FCBA over 20 years ago and benefitted immensely from the generosity and mentorship of other FCBA members up to the present day.

The FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program reflects that same spirit of lifting up the next generation. The Program works to connect students of all backgrounds and experiences to paid internship opportunities immediately following their first year of law school. Participating students also receive skills development and academic enrichment through the TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program, along with mentoring from FCBA members.

I invite all interested 1L students to get to know the FCBA – the Tech Bar and apply to the Program. Please take a look inside for detailed Program information, the Application, and FAQs.

Online applications will be accepted from September 15th through October 20th, 2025. We'll hold two virtual information sessions for interested 1L students, faculty, and administrators on September 16th at 6:00-6:45p.m. ET and September 18th at 12:00-12:45p.m. ET.

Please visit our [website](#) or contact us at TMTPipeline@fcba.org if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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Why is the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program needed?

For decades, the American legal profession has grappled with persistent challenges around representation. Individuals with varied backgrounds and experiences remain significantly underrepresented in legal organizations—particularly in leadership positions within law firms, corporate legal departments, and the federal government. The Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) believes the legal field—especially the Tech Bar—must reflect the broad spectrum of talent, perspectives, and lived experiences present in society.

In support of this vision, the FCBA – Tech Bar is committed to expanding access to opportunities within the legal profession across the technology, media, and telecom (TMT) sectors. To help advance this commitment, the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Committee launched two groundbreaking initiatives in 2020: the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Internship Program and the TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program. The Committee later strengthened these efforts by adding the Summer Series and Mentorship Program. Together, these programs aim to attract, train, and support first-year law students with a wide range of experiences and interests who aspire to build careers in TMT law and policy.

What is the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program?

The **FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program** (“Pipeline Program”) is a competitive internship and legal skills development initiative designed to prepare law students for impactful careers in TMT law and policy. The Pipeline Program creates pathways into the field by connecting students with paid internship opportunities through the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Internship Program, introducing them to foundational concepts through the TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program, and offering continued support and professional development through the Summer Series and Mentorship Program.

The Pipeline Program’s primary goal is to expand access to the TMT field by building a pipeline of talented law students who are well-equipped to pursue careers in this sector. By increasing exposure to TMT law and policy early in students’ legal education and supporting their success in meaningful internships, the Program fosters long-term engagement in the field and helps strengthen the future of the FCBA and the broader TMT legal community.

The **FCBA TMT Law & Policy Internship Program** aims to pair highly skilled candidates with meaningful, demanding, and enriching paid legal internships.

Our Employer Participants have committed to advance the objectives of the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program by, in good faith:

- Interviewing Student Participants and hiring at least one Student Participant to work on TMT law and policy in Summer 2026 for a period of at least five (5) weeks, either full-time (40 hours per week) or part-time (minimum of 25 hours per week);
- Providing a salary or wage commensurate with that of other interns at the organization/company, as applicable;
- Assigning projects and tasks that enable Student Participants to develop legal/policy skills and understanding of important issues in the TMT sector;
- Providing Student Participants opportunities to interact personally and professionally with senior leaders in the organization/company; and
- Permitting Student Participants to participate in 2-3 separate academic enrichment and skills development sessions organized by the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program during regular business hours.

The FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program Committee coordinates with Employer Participants and Student Participants to tailor internship placement that supports the needs of Employer and Student Participants.

The **TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program** is an academic enrichment and skills development component of the Pipeline Program designed to provide Student Participants with an introduction to TMT law and policy. This academic enrichment component consists of virtual learning sessions and mentoring to prepare Student Participants for internships and other employment opportunities within the TMT industry. Sessions will be taught by industry expert instructors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET on Saturdays in February through April 2026, with a mock written and oral advocacy exercise in early to mid-April.



Session 1: Regulatory Overview & Administrative Law

Covers the roles of key TMT regulators—the FCC and FTC—and their ties to federal and state entities. Also reviews core administrative law principles related to rulemaking, enforcement, and policy.



Session 2: Media & Content Regulation

Examines the laws and principles governing broadcast, cable, advertising, and other forms of media content, along with emerging legal frameworks for digital media, intermediary liability, and intellectual property.



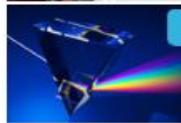
Session 3: Broadband and Cyber Regulation

Provides an overview of broadband technology and policy, followed by an examination of regulatory and legislative developments in cybersecurity, including relevant FCC rulemakings.



Session 4: Consumer Protection and Writing Skills

Covers consumer protection law, including FTC rules on data privacy, advertising, and marketing, followed by guidance on legal writing and effective argument structure.



Session 5: Spectrum and Communication Skills

Introduces core concepts in spectrum technology and policy, and provides instruction on developing essential legal communication skills to prepare students for the upcoming substantive writing assignment.



Session 6: Ex Parte Session

Simulates an *ex parte* meeting before the Federal Communications Commission, where students use provided materials to advocate for a client and complete a substantive written summary of the meeting.



Session 7: Kids' and Teens Privacy & Data Protection

Examines the evolving regulatory and legislative landscape of children's privacy, including COPPA, and provides an overview of broader privacy and data protection frameworks.



Session 8: Antitrust, Ad Tech, and Artificial Intelligence

Addresses antitrust law and policy, with a focus on challenges related to advertising technology and artificial intelligence in both the U.S. and European Union.

Attendance and Additional Requirements: All Student Participants, i.e., all students who have applied to the TMT Internship Program) can pursue a TMT Certificate, regardless of whether a student secures an internship through the Internship Program. Student Participants offered an internship must fulfill the Certificate Program requirements. To obtain a TMT Certificate, students must: (1) attend 75% of the virtual sessions; (2) complete a short written and multiple-choice homework assignments; (3) complete a mock written and oral advocacy exercise; and (4) participate in a survey of the sessions. Upon completion, Student Participants will receive an FCBA TMT Certificate of Completion.

Objectives

The **TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program Summer Series and Mentorship Program** is a dynamic, immersive experience designed to build professional confidence and sharpen career readiness for those interested in technology, media, and telecommunications law and policy. Open to both Pipeline Program Interns and Certificate recipients, this initiative offers structured growth through hands-on mentorship, skills development, and thought-provoking discussions. The Summer Series and Mentorship Program complements participants' summer placements by offering a rich series of supplemental learning opportunities tailored to deepen understanding of key issues shaping the TMT landscape.

Participants gain exclusive access to lunch-and-learn sessions, virtual fireside chats with trailblazers in the field, and curated networking events that bring together emerging professionals and seasoned leaders. From practical advice to lasting connections, the Summer Series equips participants with the tools, relationships, and confidence needed to thrive in their academic and professional journeys.

As part of its commitment to expanding access and opportunity within the TMT legal space, the Mentorship Program also facilitates a dynamic summer experience for our law students. Through careful coordination and thoughtful matching, the Mentorship Program pairs students with experienced legal professionals working across a range of the TMT sectors. These mentor-mentee relationships are designed to provide students with guidance, insight, and support as they navigate their early professional journeys and explore career pathways in TMT law and policy. In addition to individual mentorship, participants are connected to a broader network of peers and practitioners through ongoing events and programming hosted as part of the TMT Summer Series. The mentorship initiative reflects the Pipeline Program's broader mission to cultivate community, foster leadership, and empower the next generation of diverse voices in TMT.

The Summer Program includes:

- Enrichment events
- Social and networking events
- One-on-one mentoring with experienced TMT law and policy professionals
- Free one-time student membership to the FCBA – The Tech Bar
- Complimentary six-month subscription to Communications Daily, which provides the latest news on telecom regulation, legislation, and policy developments

Eligibility

To be eligible for the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program, an applicant must:

- Be a first-year student enrolled in a full-time law degree program in an ABA-accredited law school;
- Demonstrate an interest in technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) law and policy.

Criteria

Given that applicants are first-year law students who have only just begun their legal education, the TMT Selection Committee will evaluate such student qualities as the ability to overcome challenges or hardships, the demonstration of ambition, drive, and work ethic, as well as their interest in TMT law and policy, undergraduate and 1L fall semester law school grades, and extracurricular activities. The TMT Selection Committee will evaluate applicants based on several written materials submitted, including a resume, undergraduate transcript, law school transcript (as available), 1L writing sample (as available), a personal statement, and writing on a TMT topic.

Selection Process

The selection process involves three steps:

1. The TMT Selection Committee reviews all applications, selects candidates for interviews, and requests selected candidates to rank employer preferences.
2. Employer Participants receive a list of candidates to interview and conduct virtual interview panels.
3. The TMT Selection Committee makes matching/placement recommendations and facilitates match conversations (1:1 discussions) between Student Participants and Employer Participants.

Final Matches

Final matches/placement decisions should be made by late December 2025. Please see the enclosed Student Participant timeline for specific dates and additional information.

Final selection and hiring decisions will be made by Employer Participants.

September 2025:

- **Monday, September 15:** Student application portal opens.
- **Tuesday, September 16 @ 6 PM ET:** Student applicant information session (1 of 2). [Register here.](#)
- **Thursday, September 18 @ 12 PM ET:** Student applicant information session (2 of 2). [Register here.](#)

October 2025:

- **Monday, October 20:** Pipeline application portal closes at midnight.

November 2025:

- **Tuesday, November 4:** Applicants are notified of application status.
- **Wednesday, November 5:** Student Interview Skills session.
- **Friday, November 7:** Deadline for students to submit employer preferences.
- **Monday, November 10:** Student applicants notified of interview assignment.
- **Thursday, November 13 – Friday, November 21:** Student panel interviews with Employer Participants.

December 2025:

- **Monday, December 1:** Due date for Employer Participant and Student post-interview preferences.
- **Tuesday, December 9:** Students and Employer Participants are notified of tentative match.
- **Wednesday, December 10 – Wednesday, December 17:** Student and Employer Participant (self-scheduled) tentative match conversations take place.
- **Friday, December 19:** Final matches with Students and Employer Participants confirmed.

Spring-Summer 2026:

- **Saturdays, February – April:** TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program commences (virtual sessions). Specific dates TBA.
- **Mid-April :** Students participate in mock writing and oral advocacy exercise.
- **Wednesday, April 29:** TMT Graduation.
- **May, June, July:** Summer Series and Mentorship Support for TMT participants.

What is the FCBA-the Tech Bar?

The Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) is an organization of attorneys and other professionals, including engineers, consultants, economists, and government officials, involved in the development, interpretation, and practice of technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) law and policy. More than 1,800 members strong, the FCBA has been the leading organization for communications lawyers and other professionals since 1936.

What is the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program?

The FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program (Pipeline Program) is an internship and legal skills development program that facilitates access to paid internship opportunities for students following their first year of law school and with the goal of establishing a pipeline for such students to long-term careers in TMT law and policy.

What does technology, media, and telecommunications law entail?

TMT law is an exciting, expansive, and quickly evolving area of the law. TMT law touches every facet of our lives with the tremendous growth of the internet and cutting-edge next-generation communications and technologies. It includes all aspects of the broadly-defined communications industry, such as media, internet, entertainment, broadband, and spectrum; new and emerging technologies, such as 5G, 10G, satellite, connected devices, and artificial intelligence; and substantive legal areas, such as intellectual property, administrative law, antitrust, cybersecurity, privacy, and civil rights.

What is the application timeline and process?

Application materials will be available on September 15, 2025. The application period will close at midnight on October 20, 2025. Student screening and interviews will occur in November 2025 and placements will be finalized in December 2025.

Will all applicants who meet the eligibility requirements be admitted to the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program?

No. The FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program is a competitive internship program that attracts, develops, and supports elite TMT lawyers with varied backgrounds and perspectives. Qualified applications will be reviewed by the TMT Selection Committee, which is composed of the co-chairs of the TMT Law & policy Pipeline Committee and select members of the FCBA membership and FCBA Executive Committee.

Are LLMs eligible for the TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Internship Program?

No. Applicants must be first year students enrolled in a full-time law degree program in an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school. LLM students interested in opportunities that the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program may have should reach out to TMTpipeline@fcba.org.

Is every applicant admitted into the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program guaranteed an internship offer?

The TMT Selection Committee will endeavor to make agreeable matches between Employer Participants and Student Participants. While many admitted applicants will be placed with an Employer Participant, the TMT Selection Committee does not guarantee that every student selected for the Pipeline Program will receive an internship offer. The TMT Selection Committee will work with FCBA- affiliated and other organizations to provide other support (e.g., stipends for other internship opportunities) to admitted applicants who are not placed with Employer Participants through the Internship Program.

This all sounds very interesting, but I haven't taken a TMT law course yet. Can I still apply?

Yes! 1L students are not expected to have had prior coursework specific to TMT law and policy. Rather, the application will be based in part on your personal statement explaining why you are interested in the TMT field. The Pipeline Program will provide Student Participants with an academic component in the spring that will include introductory virtual sessions in TMT law and policy. The academic component will also cover various practical skills such as legal writing and offer participants mentoring.

Will I be required to attend the virtual academic sessions?

All Student Participants who secure an internship through the Internship Program must successfully complete all requirements of the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program, including attend a majority (75%) of the virtual learning sessions. The Certificate Program available (optional) for students who are not selected for an internship, but interested in deepening their understanding of TMT law and policy, to possibly attract other employers. Students who miss more than 75% of the sessions will not be able to receive a TMT Certificate. Students may have the opportunity to watch recorded sessions for review; in the event they miss a session.

When will the virtual learning sessions be held?

The virtual learning sessions will be held on Saturdays, February through April 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Specifics date will be announced in January 2026. Students will also participate in a mock writing and presentation advocacy exercise around mid-April.

Do you have any advice on how I can strengthen my application?

Your materials should strive to highlight your interest in TMT law and policy, including coursework, prior work experience, or extracurricular interests. Your personal statement is a good way to showcase your interest to employers. What do you find most interesting about the TMT field? What legal issues are most fascinating to you? Why are you interested in pursuing a FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program opportunity? What will the opportunity help you achieve? The employers are looking for 1L students who are interested in, and eager to learn more about, the TMT field. Your personal statement is where you can shine!



Application Window

The Year 6 application portal is available on the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program [website](#) beginning Monday, September 15, 2025.

Interested first year law students attending an ABA-accredited law school should submit their completed applications for the Program during the application window from Monday, September 15, 2025 to Monday, October 20, 2025.

Your Application Must Include the Following:

1. Name of applicant and contact information
2. Academic information (college and law school)
3. How you learned about the Program and/or whether you were directed to the Program by a particular law firm, association, or company
4. Resume (including academic/work experience, extracurriculars, and awards or honors)
5. Undergraduate transcript (law school grades may be requested at a later date)
6. Personal statement of up to 500 words; please address one or more of the prompts:
 - a) Please explain why you are interested in TMT law and policy
 - b) Please explain how selecting you will further the goals of the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program
7. Writing sample (1L legal writing sample or a paper on a TMT-related topic)
8. Acknowledgment of the following:
 - a) Applicants who secure internships will be required to participate in the TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program
 - b) Agreement with the FCBA's Privacy Policy
 - c) Possible virtual interview dates with employers in November 2025
 - d) Any internship that you secure is for the summer of 2026, and there is no expectation of future employment offers.
 - e) Agreement with terms of understanding once admitted into either the 2026 TMT Certificate Program or 2026 Internship Program.
 - f) Final employment decisions and hiring will occur directly between the Student Participant and Employer Participant (not the TMT).

For more details and information:

If you have specific questions about the Program, please visit our [website](#) or contact the Program at TMTPipeline@fcba.org. You can also contact one of our DPP Committee leads:

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