

# fcba NEWS

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## 28th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament to be held on June 25

The FCBA Foundation will host its 28th Annual FCBA Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Course in Clifton, Virginia, on **Tuesday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

A return to our favorite location, at 2022 prices! 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!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT!](#)



Westfields Golf Course

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

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## FCBA Spring Reception to be held on June 20

The FCBA is pleased to announce that it will hold its Spring Reception on **Thursday, June 20** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the AT&T Forum, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Mark Stephens** has been selected to receive the FCBA's 17th Annual FCBA Excellence in Government Service Award, which will be presented during the reception.

Gold and Silver sponsorships of the reception are available for \$800 and \$500 and include registrations to the reception. In addition, sponsors will receive recognition for their support, including being listed in the FCBA newsletter, on the website and other social media outlets, and in emails. Individual tickets to the reception also may be purchased.

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## FCBA to Launch New Database in July

The FCBA is excited to announce that it will soon launch a new association management software system and online directory through the YourMembership platform. The goal of this new system is to create a user-friendly experience for you, our trusted and valued members.

The FCBA fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30. Membership renewals are typically available July 1, however, with the implementation of the new system those might not be ready until mid-July. **No need to worry! We will not drop your membership and you will not lose any benefits.** If you have any questions or concerns throughout the transition process, please let us know and we will help to figure it out. Keep an eye out for further information.

Thank you for your patience during this time of transition! We hope it will be a better experience for everyone!

## Upcoming Key Events

### Media and AI Committees CLE Seminar

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**Topic:** Generative AI: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities for Media Lawyers

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**Topic:** Litigating Before PUCs

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Internships. Over the years, the Tournament has raised over \$450,000 for the FCBA Foundation charities.

Our goal and motto: “What a great concept: Do good and have fun at the same time!” We hope you can join us this year.

### 2024 TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- Lunch has returned!
- Shotgun start will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by a delicious post-round buffet dinner!
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available for Non-Golfers

The Golf Committee always welcomes prize donations or those interested in assisting on the Golf Committee. Contact Lee G. Petro at [lpetro@dickinson-wright.com](mailto:lpetro@dickinson-wright.com) if you want to contribute or would like to help organize the event.

### FCBA SPRING RECEPTION

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**Attendance for this event is limited! Please sponsor or register today!**

[Click here to sponsor the Spring Reception.](#)

[Click here to register an individual for the Spring Reception.](#)

## Thanks to our Spring Reception Sponsors!

(as of 6/7/24)

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## PRESIDENT'S *Message*

### DEAR FCBA MEMBERS,

What a year! I guess it really is true that time flies when you're having fun. A colleague recently noted that I was nearing the end of my term as FCBA President, and asked if it had been a "thankless job." I said not at all; I have felt so welcomed and appreciated throughout. The icing on the cake has been serving during our year of recognition as the DC Bar Voluntary Bar of the Year.



It is especially meaningful that this bar does so much good for the DC and legal communities. From the scholarships and stipends we provide through the FCBA Foundation, to the education, mentorship, and summer internship opportunities we provide through the Diversity Pipeline Program, we are laser-focused on serving and supporting others. This commitment is what led me to become (and stay) an active member for so many years.

And because no one can do this job alone, I have to give credit to the FCBA leadership—fellow officers **Kathy Kirby**, **Matt DelNero**, **Mia Hayes**, **Grace Koh**, and **Johanna Thomas**, the **Executive Committee**—who have all been so gracious and accommodating. Also, thank you to the **Committee and Chapter Co-Chairs**, the many members I have met and gotten to know over the past year, and so many other friends of the FCBA who came through when I asked, generously giving your time, resources, and moral support. I will always be grateful.

Our true secret sauce, however, is Executive Director **Kerry Loughney** and her staff **Janeen Wynn**, **Wendy Parish**, and **Elina Gross**. No words could express how invaluable you are to this organization, so I will just say THANK YOU.

In case you missed the Annual Luncheon and Meeting on June 5th, we presented the ceremonial gavel to incoming President Kathy Kirby and announced this year's election results. I hope to see you at the Spring Reception on June 20th, where we will celebrate Mark Stephens, this year's recipient of the Excellence in Government Service award, and three recipients of the FCBA Distinguished Service Award. Also, the Foundation Annual Charity Golf Tournament returns to Westfields on June 25th, so get your foursome signed up soon. You can find details about these and other Tech Bar happenings on our [events page](#).

Before I wrap up, I want to acknowledge that it has been a tough few weeks for our bar with the recent passing of three of our members. **Ethan Lucarelli**, the first Chief of the FCC's Office of International Affairs, was an active and supportive member of FCBA, known for his stalwart work ethic and joyous demeanor. **Jonathan Blake** was a Past President of the FCBA (1984-1985), and also was recognized as a Dean of the Bar in 2018. **George Borsari** was a long-time FCBA member and supporter who chaired several committees over the years. We are so grateful for their contributions to this bar and the legal community, and they will be missed. Look for a more detailed tribute to each of them in this and next month's newsletters.

Finally, it has truly been one of the greatest honors of my professional career to serve as your President. Special thanks to my law firm, **Wiley Rein LLP**, for their unwavering support, and to my family, for keeping me centered, cheering me on, and understanding my limited availability during this very busy year.

Be well, thanks for reading, and I really do hope to see you around the bar.

**Diane Holland**  
FCBA President 2023-2024

## Nominations Committee Announces Election Results

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2024 election. The following members were elected as officers: **Matt DelNero** President-Elect; **Russ Hanser** Assistant Treasurer; **Johanna Thomas** Secretary; and **Jennifer Schneider** Assistant Secretary. **Mia Guzzetti Hayes** assumes the office of Treasurer on July 1. **Thaila Sundaresan** will serve a second year as Chapter Representative.

Elected to three-year terms as members of the Executive Committee were **Avonne Bell**, **Caroline Van Wie**, and **Rachel Wolkowitz**. **Josh Pila** was elected as Chapter Representative and **Kasey McGee** will represent the Young

Lawyers Committee on the Executive Committee. Elected to two-year terms on the Nominations Committee were **Jonathan Campbell**, **Lisa Fowlkes**, and **Hannah Lepow**. Elected to three-year terms as FCBA Foundation Trustees were **Jacqueline Clary**, **Angela DeMahy**, **Crystal Evans**, and **Kristine Hackman**.

Special thanks to members of this year's Nominations Committee: **Barry Ohlson (Chair)**, **Jared Carlson**, **Elizabeth Cuttner**, **Kyle Dixon**, **Erin Dozier**, **Yosef Getachew**, **Kara Graves**, **Kathy Kirby**, **Sarah Leggin**, **Madi Lottenbach**, **Nirali Patel**, and **Michael Scurato**.

## Monday, June 10, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET Generative AI: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities for Media Lawyers

The FCBA Media Committee and the Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Machine Learning Committee will co-sponsor a CLE on Monday, June 10, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET entitled Generative AI: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities for Media Lawyers. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

**The FCBA will apply for 2.0 hours of MCLE credit from the VA Bar. This program has not yet been approved.**

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### Agenda

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS**

**12:05 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**REGULATORY CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENTS FROM GENERATIVE AI**

The first part of the program will include a panel of subject matter experts that will set the stage for what we mean by “generative AI” and discuss the general regulatory framework and emerging legal issues surrounding generative AI.

*Panelists:*

**Kathleen Scott**, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

**Talia Rosen**, Associate General Counsel and VP of Standards and Practices, PBS

**Lisa Macpherson**, Policy Director, Public Knowledge

*Moderator:*

**Michael Janson**, Co-Chair, FCBA AI Committee; Federal Government

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**PRACTITIONER GUIDANCE AND INSIGHTS ON GENERATIVE AI USE IN MEDIA**

The second session brings together a cross section of outside counsel and industry representatives to discuss how generative AI is impacting the media industry and how media companies are navigating this evolving field.

*Panelists:*

**Claire Ferguson**, Assistant General Counsel, Gray Television

**David Oxenford**, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

**Jesse Pannoni**, Assistant General Counsel, Microsoft

*Moderator:*

**Amanda Huetinck**, Co-Chair, FCBA Media Committee; Senior Regulatory Affairs Counsel, PBS

## Monday, June 17, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET The AI Executive Order: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

The FCBA Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Machine Learning Committee will sponsor a CLE on Monday, June 17, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET entitled The AI Executive Order: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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The President’s October 30, 2023 Executive Order (EO) on artificial intelligence (AI) advances a whole-of-government approach to promote AI safety and responsibility. Ambitious and sweeping, the EO, among other things, establishes principles to guide future regulatory frameworks and directs numerous federal agencies to develop AI standards and policies.

The first session includes a panel of federal policymakers from key affected agencies to discuss how they have implemented the EO, their ongoing and future work to meet the EO’s milestones, and their assessment of related issues, such as the latest thinking around the federal government’s use of AI. The second session brings together a cross section of stakeholders from industry to discuss how the EO is changing their outlook on assorted issues of business and legal risk, including commercial priorities, compliance, and best practices, and future legislative or regulatory changes.

### Agenda

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**INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS**

**Chloe Autio**, Co-Chair, FCBA AI Committee; Founder, Chloe Autio Tech Policy Consulting

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**12:05 – 1:00 p.m.**

### PERSPECTIVES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

*Panelists:*

**Travis Hall**, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Policy Development & Analysis, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

**Ben Winters**, Attorney Advisor, Civil Rights Division – Policy and Strategy Section, US Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Yvette Badu-Nimako**, Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

*Moderator:*

**Chloe Autio**, Co-Chair, FCBA AI Committee; Founder, Chloe Autio Tech Policy Consulting

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

### PERSPECTIVES FROM INDUSTRY AND CAPITOL HILL

*Panelists:*

**Alice Friend**, Global Head of AI & Emerging Tech Policy, Google  
**Doug Johnson**, V.P., Emerging Technology, Consumer Technology Association

[Final Panelist TBD]

*Moderator:*

**K.C. Halm**, Co-Chair, FCBA AI Committee; Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

## COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER Events

### Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Machine Learning Committee

**Event:** CLE Seminar co-sponsored with the Media Committee

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 10, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

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**Cost:** \$135.00 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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**Topic:** Rise of Data Centers in the Sunshine State and U.S.

**Description:** The need and demand for data centers has increased in recent years with the growth of AI and data-intensive online applications. Florida is on the front line of this growth with an estimated 128 data centers in the state and ranked fourth nationally for data centers. The Florida Chapter is presenting an online discussion of commercial, legal, and regulatory issues confronting this growth in data centers in Florida and across the country.

**Speakers:** (Moderator) Matthew R. Tuchman, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Jonathan Adelstein, Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy and External Affairs Officer, TWN Communications and Senior Advisor, Vertical Bridge, Dereck Wischmeyer, Chief Legal Officer, ark data centers LLC; Sherry Ambrose, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Florida Power & Light Company; Alan Galloway, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

**Cost:** \$45.00 for Private Sector; \$20.00 for Non-Profit 501c3/Government/Academic/Transitional/Retired; No charge for Law Students

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**To RSVP:** <https://partiful.com/e/fYQFRkBu3QQY2s2Vf15H>

## Northern California Chapter Event on May 8

On May 8, 2024, the Northern CA chapter of the FCBA organized a Lunch and Learn event regarding efforts the FCC is undertaking to keep our communications and broadband networks safe and secure. FCC Enforcement Bureau representatives, Peter Hyun (Bureau Chief of Staff and Deputy Bureau Chief overseeing National Security and International Engagement) and Rakesh Patel (Deputy Bureau Chief overseeing the Telecommunications Consumers Division and the Faud Division) provided great insight regarding the complexity of ever-increasing threats to these essential services and the myriad of ways the FCC is working to protect these vital services from nefarious disruption. The discussion covered some of the FCC’s key initiatives. The event was hosted by DLA Piper at its San Francisco office location and was moderated by Kristin Jacobson.



## The Diversity Pipeline Committee Announces the Diversity Pipeline Class of 2024 and TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program Graduates

The FCBA’s Diversity Pipeline Program commemorates the placement of 103 interns and recognizes 138 TMT Certificate Program Graduates since 2020.

The Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA – The Tech Bar) is thrilled to announce the 2024 Class of the Diversity Pipeline Internship and the TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program. The virtual graduation was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024. A special keynote video presentation was given by FCC Commissioner Anna M. Gomez and included remarks from Diane Holland, President of the FCBA; Kyle Dixon, Vice

President & Deputy General Counsel at NCTA; and April Jones, Senior Government Affairs & Policy Counsel at Apple.

The students will be provided with free annual memberships to the FCBA and a six-month subscription to Communications Daily. The TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program will also be followed-up with the Summer Series & Mentorship Program, which offers 1-on-1 formal mentorships with students and more exciting opportunities for professional development and networking events.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 CLASS OF DIVERSITY PIPELINE INTERNS AND THE TMT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM GRADUATES!

Employer Placement	Name	Law School
ACA Connects	Juwan Parker	University of Georgia School of Law
ACT App Association	Jordan Dawson	Howard University School of Law
AT&T	Cassiopeia Frances Porter	Howard University School of Law
BT Americas	Shayan Hedayat	Suffolk University Law School
CableLabs	Sarah Tahir	Rutgers Law School – Newark
Comcast	Saleshia Ellis	UC Davis School of Law
Cox Enterprises	Denisha Emmanuel	American University Washington College of Law
Crown Castle	Bhawna Motwani	Georgetown University Law Center
CTIA	Chae Yun Bae	Georgetown University Law Center
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Danping Li	Georgia State University College of Law
Future of Privacy Forum	Isaiah Hinton	University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
Hogan Lovells US LLP	Zaid Umar	UC Berkeley School of Law

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NCTA	Akosua Frimpong	Emory University School of Law
T-Mobile	Leah DeFreitas	Georgetown University Law Center
Tripadvisor	Samaya Abdus-Salaam	Rutgers Law School - Newark
USTelecom	Anna-Maria Nuryasin	American University Washington College of Law
Verizon	Alejandro Plate	University of North Carolina School of Law
Verizon	Jingyao “Johnny” Luo	University of North Carolina School of Law
Wiley Rein LLP	Francesca Burke	Georgetown University Law Center
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP	Tahlieah Sampson	UDC David A. Clarke School of Law
Wireless Infrastructure Association	Olaide Lemoru	George Washington University Law School

Featured speakers from the TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program since its inception have included: Ajit Pai, former FCC Chair; the Honorable Amit P. Mehta; Edith Ramirez, former FTC Chair; Geoffrey Starks, FCC Commissioner; Hetal Doshi, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; Henry Rivera, former FCC Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, FCC Chairwoman; Rahul Rao, Deputy Director at the Bureau of Competition, FTC; and Sanford Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff for Chairwoman Rosenworcel, FCC.

Instructors for this year’s TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program included:

- Adam Copeland, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC
- Adam D. Krinsky, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP
- Amber Ezzell, Policy Counsel, Future of Privacy Forum
- Ari Q. Fitzgerald, Partner, Hogan Lovells US LLP
- Chanda Marlowe, Senior Associate, Loeb & Loeb
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## TWO NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2024

### BAR STIPEND PROGRAM

The **FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program (DPP)** offered a new benefit that provided a \$500 stipend to select Year 2 (Summer 2022) DPP Interns to support bar exam preparation. This new benefit was made possible thanks to the generous contributions made by participating employers and supporters of the DPP.

The 2024 Bar Prep Stipend may be applied to bar preparation costs, including exam fee, exam prep courses (e.g. Kaplan), or living expenses (transportation, meals, accommodations).

### Qualifications

- Students must have been a Year 2 (Summer 2022) DPP Student; and
- Student must have been selected for and completed the DPP Internship Program (2022 TMT Program Students who were not offered an internship are not eligible for this stipend); and
- Student must have completed law school; and
- Student must be preparing for the bar exam in 2024.

### NON-PROFIT PILOT PROGRAM

Based on the generosity of DPP sponsors and supporters, the Pilot Program provided 2 DPP Student Participants with a competitive stipend for full-time or part-time legal internships at two TMT non-profit organizations for an upcoming 8-10 week internship during Summer 2024.

The Student Participants selected are first-year and second-year law students who are either participating in or have earned a certificate from the TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program and have expressed an interest in the TMT non-profit sector, and the mission and work of the non-profit organization.

### Laura Phillips

By: Diane Holland

If you had not noticed, Laura Phillips, a former President of the FCBA, has for many years now regularly interviewed FCBA members and profiled them in this newsletter. Laura estimates that she has interviewed over 106 FCBA members so far. Since this is the final newsletter of my FCBA Presidency, I wanted to turn the tables and feature Laura, who recently left a large law firm to start her own firm, Phillips Communications Law LLC.



**Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?**

**A:** My undergraduate degree was in economics, but I did not love my first job with a consulting firm doing economic analysis. When our contracts were terminated due to a change in presidential administrations and priorities, I became a paralegal at a small but significant communications law firm, Pierson, Ball & Dowd. I was fascinated by the combination of technology, law and policy and saw firsthand how lawyers could delve deeply into these areas while counseling clients and advocating at the FCC and NTIA to move important innovations forward. After a short time there working with Phil Verveer, Dean Burch and others I knew I wanted to be part of the lawyers' club. I focused on finding an evening law program in DC so that I could continue working and learning about communications law and policy during the day. I ended up attending Washington College of Law at American University; that was a long four years, but it was worthwhile. While still in law school I spent a summer at Satellite Business Systems, and I worked during my last year in the Chief Counsel's office at NTIA.

**Q: Take us through your career as a communications lawyer, the various positions you've held.**

**A:** My first position as a lawyer was at Dow Lohnes & Albertson, where I worked on a combination of telecom and cable matters, including

the first cellular lotteries, the first spectrum auctions, the introduction of Personal Communications Services, and the development of interconnection compensation frameworks for local competition, universal service and a range of regulatory parity issues. I became a Member of the firm in 1992, the same year I got married. It was a busy and productive time. We spent many late nights before and after the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 helping clients craft FCC policy recommendations and in turn make important business decisions about implementing local competition. I learned so much from working with legends like former FCC General Counsel Werner Hartenburger and the then head of Cox's Washington office, Alexander Netchvolodoff.

Like many other people, September 11, 2001 hit me hard. Then the DC sniper had us all unnerved. I had young children at home and what had seemed important was replaced by a different set of considerations. I re-evaluated what I was doing and why, and ultimately decided to transition my practice to Drinker Biddle & Reath, then a "fine Philadelphia firm" in growth mode. There were many wonderful people and amazing clients and projects I was delighted to be a part of over many years there, including being national counsel for 800 MHz rebanding for Nextel/Sprint and working with Intelsat to deliver Phase I of the C-band Transition to support the 5G spectrum auction. I also got involved in law firm management as the practice group leader for the Government and

Regulatory Affairs Group.

Just when COVID hit, the firm merged with Faegre Baker Daniels to become Faegre Drinker. While still a great firm, it was no longer the same firm I gravitated to in 2002. It was time once again to consider what was important to me and I focused on what I enjoyed the most, which was spending time with a variety of clients, helping to solve their problems. I decided that launching my own telecommunications firm would provide me with the autonomy to do that, so that's how I ended up where I am today.

**Q: So, you only recently decided to leave big law and "hang out your shingle" by launching Phillips Communications Law LLC at the beginning of 2024. How has that been, and what challenges have you faced that you didn't expect?**

**A:** It has been a year of change as I navigate handling processes that others would normally handle in a larger firm setting. Some people eagerly seek and embrace change and others are slower to recognize the need for it. Quite honestly I skew towards membership in the second cohort. Even so, once I'd made the decision to do something different, it was amazing how it all came together, both the idea of what I wanted to do and how I wanted it to begin, as a solo law practice. I had the great benefit of many kind and generous former colleagues and others who have done similar things mentoring me on a wide range of "how-tos" and "never-evens" and recommending vendors they'd used and liked. There were pre-launch decisions that had to be made that were both exciting and a bit scary in that you are making financial commitments without knowing for certain you'll have future revenues to offset expenses. On the other hand, I had to have faith that I know a good bit about the areas of practice I've devoted my professional career to, and I've worked successfully with clients over a wide range of issues over many years. There are risks worth taking; this venture was me taking a risk on myself.

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# Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

## **LAURA PHILLIPS**

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It's been almost entirely wonderful. I do not miss large law firm administrivia; and I still get to work with clients that I know and like and respect. I can spend the time needed on some projects or problems that I couldn't previously as I have more flexibility on rates and rate structures than before. Another plus is that I have more control over my schedule; no one is looking down their nose at me if I end up with a couple of free hours and I decide to go to a museum or to take a long walk in a park. No one second guesses my business decisions, and there is a true sense of ownership that one simply doesn't have holding a fractional share of a very large partnership where you have no direct say in how the firm is run.

The main challenge with this business model is that you truly are on your own. You need to either learn it (if that's feasible) or buy it, whether it comes to addressing IT/network security issues, accounting, malpractice insurance, practice resource materials or marketing. And you have no in house colleagues to turn to, so you must be intentional about outreach and networking. I had anticipated that, but on any given day when I just can't get a document to print correctly or my billing software seemingly inexplicably charges a client twice for the same work, I experience momentary frustration that the buck invariably stops with me, and I alone have to figure a path out of the present difficulty. But I am learning new things every day to make this venture stronger and more durable. Thank goodness I already had a great CPA! Lastly, it certainly helps to have a sense of humor to help maintain perspective.

### **Q: What do you like to read?**

**A:** About 15 years ago when my kids were in grade school I was invited to join a book club and since then I have joined two more. Yes, I am in three book clubs, so I read whatever is on tap next. The joy of that is you discover books you

would never in a million years pick up if left to your own devices. Some may be trite, predictable, or forgettable but sometimes you are astonished by the revelations in non-fiction works (like "The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race" by Walter Isaacson) or drawn in by creative masterpieces you would otherwise totally miss.

Sometimes books seem to be in dialogue in my head. I recently read about the Sackler family and their role in the opioid crisis in "Empire of Pain; the Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty" by Patrick Radden Keefe. Reading in detail about the assumptions, arrogance and missteps of this pharmaceutical family was fascinating, as one of my other book clubs read "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver last year. A theme in that book was the devastation of Appalachia caused by opioid pill mills that pushed people into addictions they could not easily overcome. Understanding why and how the Sacklers and their sales team started down the road they did and being able to relate that history to Kingsolver's masterful modern retelling of Charles Dickens David Copperfield was amazing.

### **Q: What About Your Life outside of the Law would surprise people about you?**

**A:** I have played acoustic guitar since grade school. My personal creative outlet since law school and up to the present – with a COVID break – is to play with the 5:30 Sunday Ensemble at Holy Trinity in Georgetown nearly every week. Some weeks we are better than others and that has nothing whatsoever to do with whether Joe Biden drops in for mass. The feeling that comes from being part of making music in that setting is something I can't explain, but it's real. When the music in the moment is solid, the feeling can be transcendent. I am also a long-term yogi; I got my teaching certificate studying Ashtanga Yoga during COVID, but despite putting myself through the paces on an almost daily basis, I have not taught much so far.

### **Q: How did you come to start writing "Get to Know an FCBA Member" and how long have you been writing it?**

**A:** Back when I was FCBA President the Executive Committee had discussions periodically on what motivates people to join the FCBA or to renew their membership, both actions the association needs for its maintenance and growth. One day as I was looking at a recent FCBA newsletter it struck me that we had plenty of information about CLEs and other programming and great pictures recapping events, but otherwise not a lot of non-transactional content. I'd recently concluded my term as Board Chair of my college alma mater Trinity Washington University where I had been the subject of a Q&A interview for a Trinity publication, as had other Board members. It wasn't rocket science to conduct an interview. I decided halfway through my year as President in 2012-2013, that I would start interviewing FCBA members about their career experiences and FCBA involvement. Initially I got some tepid feedback from at least one FCBA senior statesman about the column, but now I think most members who take the time to read the profiles enjoy them and might learn something. I love the opportunity to engage both with people I know well and those I don't; it's been gratifying to see the content from these interviews displayed on the FCBA website and elsewhere to showcase the depth and breadth of our association memberships' skills and careers. That's exactly what I'd hoped would happen.

### **Q: I hear you are an avid traveler. What are your favorite types of vacations (relaxing, every second planned with activity) or favorite destinations (beach, mountains, national parks)?**

**A:** I don't have a single favorite type of vacation; the difficulty is in narrowing down all the options as there are so many places to go and things to discover even if you've already visited a city or country. I tend to focus on an experience I or my husband might really

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## Get to Know an **FCBA MEMBER**

### LAURA PHILLIPS

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enjoy and plan a trip around that but keep some space open for spontaneity. Some trips over the years that have been memorable have been walking parts of the French Camino to Santiago de Compostella in Spain and staying at a Chateau in Bordeaux while touring some outstanding vineyards and sampling that bounty.

We recently spent time in England using London as our base but taking short trips to Bath, Lewes and Canterbury. In Lewes we were able to see our football club – yes we own one share of the Lewes Rooks – play their last season games, both the men and the women’s teams, at their historic soccer stadium called the Dripping Pan. Think Welcome to Wrexham at about 1/24th the size of the crowd. It was fun and charming, and my husband was in heaven. We also managed to have pub grub at the pub in Richmond used to film Ted Lasso; it unfortunately did not have the dartboard still in place.

I’m now slightly obsessed with the idea of sailing on Marjorie Merriweather Post’s historic yacht, the Sea Cloud, around the Greek Islands but who knows what is next. We are renovating our nearly 100-year-old house in Chevy Chase DC and that has put a significant temporary dent in our vacation fund!

**Q:** How long have you been an FCBA member?

**A:** I joined the FCBA as soon as I started as a first-year associate at Dow Lohnes & Albertson. While I did a several month rotation in the corporate group, it was plain based on my skill set and interests that communications was going to be my home. Over the years I began working with others on FCBA committees and attended CLEs, and eventually ran for and was part of the Executive Committee, then Assistant Secretary, Secretary and FCBA President. I’ve continued to assist on ad hoc matters and work on several committees.

**Q:** You give so much to FCBA in the form of this monthly column. Talk about what the FCBA means to you.

**A:** Communications law and policy has been the core of my professional life and the FCBA has been foundational to me in many ways. Of course, over time it’s changed in terms of me mentoring more than being mentored but it has always been a hub of deep personal and professional connections. The FCBA is a convenor of events where you can learn and share ideas and have fun. For me now, the FCBA is an organization I can be a part of so that I don’t feel “alone” as a single member law firm. And the FCBA Foundation makes it easy for you to give back by supporting our scholarship programs and mentoring students and new attorneys. I could go on and on, but the FCBA is a remarkable organization of committed, talented volunteers and peerless professional staff. We are so fortunate to have Kerry and the team looking out for us!

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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](mailto:laura@phillipscommlaw.com).

## FCBA Unplugged

**FCBA UNPLUGGED** is a podcast series for and about our beloved FCBA community. FCBA Unplugged features a series of fun, informal conversations between host Kelly Donohue, a Public Policy Manager at Facebook and co-chair of the FCBA’s Membership and Marketing Committee, and you, our FCBA members! While it’s certainly no proxy for in-person events, it’s a fun opportunity to collectively check in with our FCBA friends and family while we are all working from home in our pajama bottoms, and maybe discover a few hidden talents along the way.

**HOW CAN I LISTEN AND SUPPORT THE SHOW?** We’re available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, on the FCBA website - <https://www.fcba.org/products-services/podcast>, and at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1458427>. Please tune in, leave a review, and tell the world about the show on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter!

**CAN I BE ON THE SHOW?** If you have ideas for topics or guests, or would like to be on the show yourself, send Kelly an email at [kellydonohue@fb.com](mailto:kellydonohue@fb.com). The suggestion box is open!



## TO LIST A JOB

Submit a Job Bank Form (found by [clicking here](#) or going to the FCBA website under the Member Resources - Job Board) and email the form, the text of the ad, and the appropriate payment to Kerry Loughney at [kerry@fcba.org](mailto:kerry@fcba.org). Listings and payment received by the 22nd day of each month will appear in the next month's newsletter. If possible, ads should not exceed 400 words. No headhunters please.

### 6.24.1

**Associate** – Klein Law Group PLLC, a nationally-recognized telecommunications boutique law firm, has openings for (1) Summer Associate and (2) Associate or Principal level colleagues. Ideal candidates possess intelligence, motivation and the ability to work independently. Experience in telecom, litigation or transactions is certainly a plus. Given the firm's national practice scope, physical location and bar memberships requirements are flexible. Please send resume and writing sample to [Admin@KleinLawpllc.com](mailto:Admin@KleinLawpllc.com).

### 6.24.2

**Communications Associate** – Nelson Mullins is seeking a Communications Associate to join its Communications group in the Washington, DC office. As an AmLaw100 firm, this will offer a unique opportunity to a lateral associate who wants to be part of a dynamic and growing team.

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

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

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

**Applicants can submit their resume, transcript, and writing sample by [clicking here](#).**

### We Know You:

With 1 to 2 years of experience, you have a background in communications and technology law and policy. As part of the team in Washington, DC, you will work with colleagues and a diverse array of clients on:

- drafting pleadings and advocating at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and state public utility commissions.
- advising clients on federal Universal Service Fund programs and contributions, including representation in audits, investigations, and enforcement.
- advising clients on consumer protection related matters, including privacy, terms of service, accessibility, broadband transparency, including drafting policies and procedures.
- preparation and prosecution of applications before the FCC, USAC and state public utility commissions.
- negotiation and drafting of communications, IoT and technology contracts.
- seeking authorization for major acquisitions and other transactions before the FCC and other Executive Branch agencies; and
- litigation involving communications-related matters.

As part of our team, you will have a high degree of responsibility in counseling clients on legal, policy, compliance, and emerging technology matters. Your background includes involvement in communications and consumer protection/privacy regulatory matters, transactions, and/or litigation/enforcement matters. You have a keen interest in communications and technology issues, and you work well independently or as part of a team, depending on the nature of the matter. You have excellent academic credentials with strong writing, analytical, and communications skills. You are a member of the DC Bar or eligible to be admitted to the DC Bar.

### 6.24.3

**Telecom Regulatory Counsel** – We are a prominent telecommunications trade association that is committed to advancing the interests of several hundred rural broadband and telecommunications providers. Our member companies specialize in providing high-quality, reliable, and affordable telecommunications services to rural communities.

We are seeking an experienced and motivated individual who has a strong understanding of federal telecommunications policy to join the government affairs team. Based in the greater Washington DC area, this individual would be responsible for analyzing federal telecom regulatory issues and advocating for favorable outcomes for our member companies through

drafting of regulatory filings and conducting ex parte meetings primarily with the Federal Communications Commission. The individual will be an integral part of our government affairs team driving our regulatory strategies. This position requires some travel.

### Responsibilities:

- Stay updated on, analyze, and interpret federal broadband and telecom rules and regulations relevant to rural telecommunications providers, such as those related to the federal Universal Service Fund (USF), cybersecurity, privacy, robocalls, supply chain security, and other Federal Communications Commission (FCC) areas of regulation.
- Collaborate with executive-level and other employees of trade association member companies and policymakers to develop and implement regulatory strategies that promote rural telecommunications and broadband deployment.
- Draft and review regulatory filings, including comments, petitions, and other necessary documents on behalf of the trade association member companies.
- Conduct ex parte meetings with the FCC, as well as meetings with policymakers at other federal agencies and on Capitol Hill.
- Provide legal guidance to trade association member companies on matters related to federal telecom regulation and compliance.
- Monitor emerging regulatory trends, industry practices, and legal developments that could impact rural telecommunications and broadband initiatives and recommend strategy adjustments.
- Collaborate with other industry associations to influence policy decisions and promote association objectives.
- Attend, participate in, and present at industry working groups and conferences to stay updated on best practices, provide information to network with key stakeholders, and contribute to shaping regulatory policies.
- Conduct legal research and analysis to support regulatory compliance efforts and develop legal strategies.

### Qualifications:

- Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from an accredited law school.
- Admission to the bar in at least one jurisdiction, preferably the District of Columbia.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience practicing telecom law, with a specific focus on federal telecom regulatory matters and rural broadband.
- In-depth knowledge of federal telecom regulations, including experience with the FCC's universal service programs, the NTIA's Broadband Equity, Access

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- and Deployment (BEAD) program, the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) program and other federal programs focused on policies affecting rural telecommunications providers.
- Proven track record in drafting and filing regulatory documents with federal agencies, including comments, petitions, and reports.
  - Experience conducting ex parte meetings with federal agencies and effectively advocating for desired outcomes.
  - Strong understanding of broadband technologies, rural broadband deployment

challenges, and the socioeconomic impact of broadband access.

- Excellent research, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Outstanding written and verbal communication abilities to effectively convey legal concepts and arguments to diverse stakeholders.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively, managing multiple priorities and deadlines.
- Willingness to travel as required to attend and participate in industry meetings and conferences.

We offer a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits package, and the opportunity to make a significant impact in advancing rural broadband access. If you are a highly motivated and experienced telecom regulatory attorney with a passion for regulatory advocacy and expanding broadband services in rural areas, we invite you to apply for this exciting opportunity by submitting a cover letter, resume, writing sample and salary requirement to [dcjobopp@gmail.com](mailto:dcjobopp@gmail.com).

## The Federal Communications Law Journal

The *Federal Communications Law Journal* has long been an important source of legal scholarship on communications issues, and the FCBA is proud to offer the journal as a benefit to our members.

FCBA members may now decide how they would like to receive the journal. The *FCLJ* itself will continue to be published in hard copy, however, rather than receiving hard copies as a default, we'll be distributing electronic links to the content.

For those of you who would like to receive the *FCLJ* electronically, you don't have to do anything. We will email you a link when a new issue is published. You may also visit <http://www.fclj.org/volumes/> to view archived volumes.

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## Save the Dates for the 2024 Annual Dinner and Annual Charity Auction!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding the **FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel on Tuesday, December 3, 2024**. It will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. Please keep an eye out in the fall for further details. We currently do not have any information on purchasing tables and/or tickets, or issuing invitations.

Also, mark your calendar for the **35th Annual FCBA/FCBA Foundation Charity Auction** that will be held on **Wednesday, October 23** at the Hamilton Live, 600 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Keep an eye out for more details on the beneficiary, sponsorships, and donation information.

## **George R. Borsari, Jr. (1940-2024)**

George R. Borsari, Jr., 83, a long-time member of the FCBA, died in Bradenton, Florida, on May 12, 2024. George had practiced communications law for fifty-eight years before retiring on February 1, 2024. Formerly a partner in Daly, Joyce & Borsari, he co-founded Borsari & Paxson in 1985 and practiced there until his retirement.

George served as chairman of the FCBA's Committee on Relations with Other Bars and on numerous other committees of the Association. In addition, he was a past chairman of both the Broadcast Committee and the Cable Television Committee of the Science and Technology Section of the American Bar Association; co-chairman of the Mass Media Committee of that Section; served on the Section's Long-Range Planning Committee; and served two terms on the Section's Council. George was also an honorary member of the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers.

During the course of his long career, George obtained one of the first developmental mobile satellite authorizations issued by the FCC, and represented clients in both mobile and fixed satellite up-link operations. He helped design one of the original nationwide paging networks, and was lead counsel in the preparation for filing of the associated application with the FCC. He was also the lead attorney in the filing of over seventy cellular telephone applications prior to the institution of the lottery selection procedure.

George was also substantially involved in cable television activity. He served on the Montgomery County, Maryland, organization charged with developing the standards for selecting that jurisdiction's cable franchisee; with the evaluation of competing proposals and initial selection of the franchisee; and with the monitoring of the franchisee's performance (including the operation of the non-commercial programming channel). He represented both cable systems and cities in the cable TV franchise process.

For most of his working life (more than forty-five years), George lived in the Town of Glen Echo, Maryland, where he served a term as mayor. He was also past president of the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. He moved to Bradenton, Florida, in 2015.

As an amateur radio operator, George served on the amateur radio advisory committee to the Federal Communications Commission in preparation for the World Administrative Radio Conference. He represented amateur radio operators and equipment manufacturers, and was among the amateur radio volunteers who assisted with emergency communications during a natural disaster.

George retired from the United States Army Reserve in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel, with military specialties in both the Judge Advocate General's Corps and Armor. He served as the commander of the 208th JAG Detachment (International Law) and received numerous service awards.

George was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He served as a page in the United States Senate as a high school student and graduated from the Capitol Page School (where classes were then held on the second floor of the Library of Congress). He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and his L.L.B. from George Washington University Law School.

He was active in the Boy Scouts of America as a Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor, and was a past district chairman and service team chairman of the Explorer Division of the National Capitol Area Council. He received a Presidential commendation for his work with youth.

George was a multi-engine, instrument-rated pilot, and his hobbies included golf, photography, sailing, hunting, and fishing. He was also an avid participant in and instructor of backpacking, rock climbing, and cave exploring and served with cave rescue units.

He is survived by two brothers, John (Marilyn) Borsari and James (Sharon) Borsari; by Anne Thomas Paxson, his law partner of thirty-nine years and wife of six years; by his former wife (and mother of their two sons), Regis Herron Borsari; by sons Rob (Clare) Borsari and Bill (Megan) Borsari; and by five grandchildren.

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## **Ethan Lucarelli (1981-2024)**

Ethan Lucarelli, Chief of the FCC's Office of International Affairs, died suddenly on May 13. He was 42. Ethan was the first Chief of OIA when it was created in 2023. Prior to assuming that position, Ethan was an advisor to FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, starting in January 2021.



Mitchell Ethan Lucarelli was born in DeKalb, IL on December 28, 1981, and raised in Northbrook, IL. He graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2004 with a B.S. in Media Studies. After college he worked for a year and a half for an IT company, and then began his legal education in 2006 at the George Washington University Law School.

During his law school years, Ethan was Notes and Projects Editor of the George Washington Law Review and a member

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# In MEMORIAM

## ETHAN LUCARELLI

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of the Moot Court Board. He graduated from the law school in 2009, with highest honors.

Ethan was a summer associate at the Wiley Rein law firm between his second and third years of law school, and then re-joined the firm after graduation as an associate. He was with the firm's Telecommunications, Media, and Technology Group.

Ethan joined Inmarsat in May 2016 as Director, Regulatory and Public Policy. In September 2020, he joined the FCC as a Legal and Policy Advisor in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Five months later, in January 2021, he became Acting Legal Advisor to the Acting Chairwoman.

Ethan also was an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School. He taught courses on Telecommunications Law and Scholarly Writing. In addition, he coached student teams competing in the National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition.

Ethan is survived by his wife, Victoria Correa; his parents, Diane Eubanks and Joseph Lucarelli; two siblings -- Matthew and Melissa; and several nieces and nephews.

A scholarship in Ethan's name is being established at the George Washington University Law School, to benefit students participating in moot court competitions. Donations can be made here: <https://gofund.me/f7962844>

**FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel** gave a tribute to Ethan at the Commission's May 23 open meeting. She said: "Ethan had an endless interest in communications policy around the world and a willingness to put more stamps on his passport to service that interest than anyone you would meet. ... As head of the Office of International Affairs, he fiercely negotiated with his counterparts from around the world – and they adored him."

**Narda Jones** noted that "over his years in private practice and public service, Ethan earned a reputation for his intelligence, honesty, dependability, and sensitivity. Ethan's dedication to the FCC's mission was outweighed only by his devotion to his colleagues, friends and family. He always had time to make sure you were settling in alright, to talk through a tough problem, or to explain complex issues with care. He will be remembered for his energetic love for life - he laughed easily and infectiously. He was open-minded, sincere, and valued the opinions of those who worked with him. And he always had your back."

**Jen Hindin**, Partner and Co-chair of Wiley's Telecom, Media & Technology Practice recalled that "Ethan shined from the start of his legal career at Wiley, displaying intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for law and telecom policy. Among his many great qualities, Ethan's kindness and gregarious nature stand out with his magical way of connecting people both professionally and personally. Best times include laughing with Ethan over guacamole and margaritas as he shared stories of his international work, vacations with his wife Vicki to wine country and love of playing strategy board games. Like you, I miss my friend. May memories of Ethan generously sharing his knowledge, time and positivity help us through this sadness."

## 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](mailto: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, Addison Spencer ([fclj@law.gwu.edu](mailto:fclj@law.gwu.edu)).

## To Update Your Membership Contact Information

We'd like to remind everyone that if you have any changes to your membership contact information, please contact Elina Gross at [elina@fcba.org](mailto:elina@fcba.org). In order to keep a cohesive look to our directory, we do not allow members to make any changes to their information themselves.

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LIST FULL NAMES, NICKNAMES, AND ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL ATTENDEES**

(all guest names must be received no later than Thursday, June 13)

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed     Visa    MasterCard    American Express    Discover    Check  
Credit card no. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE "FCBA" NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JUNE 13.**

Federal Communications Bar Association  
1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20036-6101  
E-mail: [elina@fcba.org](mailto:elina@fcba.org)

To ensure immediate recognition, please email a copy of this form to [elina@fcba.org](mailto:elina@fcba.org) even if payment is being made by check. The form serves as your commitment. If it is mailed, there may be a delay in processing.

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER TUESDAY, JUNE 18 WILL INCUR A \$25.00 LATE FEE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY: DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS EVENT, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR CANCELLATIONS.**

# 28th Annual FCC Chairman Robert Emmet Lee Memorial FCBA FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Tuesday, June 25, 2024 — 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start  
Westfields Golf Club, Clifton, VA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suite/Room/Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE FCBA FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT AS INDICATED BELOW:**

**Registration Fees**

- Eagle Club. . . . . \$1,000
- FCBA Private Sector Member . . . . . \$ 175
- FCBA Non-Profit 501c3 Member. . . . . \$ 165
- Retired Member . . . . . \$ 125
- Government Employee. . . . . \$ 125
- Law Student . . . . . \$ 110
- Private Sector/Non-Profit 501C3  
Non-Member . . . . . \$ 200

**Mulligans (limit of three per person)**

- Three for \$20 or One for \$10
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| Player 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3/\$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/\$10 |
| Player 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3/\$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/\$10 |
| Player 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3/\$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/\$10 |
| Player 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3/\$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/\$10 |

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- Beverage Cart Sponsor . . . . . \$ 500
- Company Hole Sponsor . . . . . \$ 300
- Individual Hole Sponsor. . . . . \$ 250

**GOLFERS IN YOUR FOURSOME:**

Name	Organization	Handicap or average	Email
Player 1 _____	_____	_____	_____
Player 2 _____	_____	_____	_____
Player 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
Player 4 _____	_____	_____	_____

**EAGLE CLUB - \$1,000**

- Golf foursome including admission to all event activities
- Participation with other Eagle Club sponsors in exclusive "Tournament Within A Tournament" competition to win the coveted Eagle Club trophy
- Full page ad in event program
- Top-level recognition in all event advertising before and after the tournament

**BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR — \$500**

- Full page ad in event program
- Signage on Beverage Cart

**COMPANY HOLE SPONSOR — \$300**

- Full page ad in event program
- Hole signage

**INDIVIDUAL HOLE SPONSOR — \$250**

- Half page ad in event program
- Hole signage

**PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM WITH CREDIT CARD INFORMATION OR MAIL THIS FORM AND A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE "FCBA FOUNDATION" TO:**

FCBA Foundation  
 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325  
 Washington, DC 20036  
 Tel: 202 293-4000  
 Email: [janeen@fcba.org](mailto:janeen@fcba.org)

**THE FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024.**

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD. WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PAYMENT BY CHECK, BUT THE PROCESSING OF REGISTRATIONS WITH CHECK PAYMENTS MAY BE DELAYED.**

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 Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

(\*as of 5/31/24)

Samaya Abdus-Salaam  
Abdelkader Achibat  
Chae Bae  
Nate Beltran  
Gerlida Carter  
Xi Chen  
Alexander Cleveland  
Emily Dalessio  
Jordan Dawson  
Saleshia Ellis  
Denisha Emmanuel  
Taylor Gayton  
Denise Golumbaski  
DeJoin Granderson  
Ashley Haake  
Matthew Hamilton

Chamaya Harris  
Shayan Hedayat  
Isaiah Hinton  
Briana Humphrey  
Shrewish Iyer  
Azaria King  
Grant Lander  
Olaide Lemoru  
Audrey Liu  
Devin Loveland  
Jingyao Luo  
Alissa Lynwood  
Jessica Lyons  
Julia Malette  
Joshua McKinney  
Anna-Maria Nuryasin

Yaegy Park  
Alejandro Plate  
Cassiopeia Porter  
Tahlieah Sampson  
Grace Schepis  
Jeanne Stockman  
Alex Tate  
Jacob Tubis  
Ali Unar

And huge thanks to those who recruited them: Van Bloys, Allison Howell, Laura Lerman, Nick Page, Bryan Tramont, and Rachel Wolkowitz.

## Calendar

<b>June 10</b>	CLE Seminar: Generative AI: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities for Media Lawyers
<b>June 17</b>	CLE Seminar: The AI Executive Order: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead
<b>June 20</b>	FCBA Spring Reception
<b>June 21</b>	Florida Chapter Panel Discussion
<b>June 25</b>	28th Annual FCBA Foundation Golf Tournament
<b>June 26</b>	Young Lawyers Committee Happy Hour
<b>July 1</b>	FCBA Membership and Fiscal Year Begins
<b>July 16</b>	Wellness Committee and Midwest Chapter Lunch and Learn
<b>October 23</b>	35th Annual FCBA/FCBA Foundation Charity Auction
<b>December 3</b>	FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel at the Marriott Marquis



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