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36th Annual FCBA Dinner featuring Chairwoman Rosenworcel on December 3

The 36th Annual Dinner featuring Chairwoman Rosenworcel will be held **Tuesday, December 3** at the **Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Marquis Ballroom and will be followed by remarks from FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel. Tables include a \$150.00 tax deductible donation to the FCBA Foundation.



FCC Chairwoman
Jessica Rosenworcel

Note that each table will have 10 seats. Additional seats are not available for purchase.

INVITING GOVERNMENT GUESTS

Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulation on widely attended gatherings (5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2)), the FCBA Annual Dinner appears to qualify as a widely attended gathering. Most employees of the Federal Communications Commission may be directly invited to attend

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To purchase a table or an individual ticket, [click here](#) or use the form on [page 16](#). Please get your forms in by **November 8!**

35th Annual FCBA Charity Auction to be held on October 23

The Young Lawyers Committee of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) and the FCBA Foundation are proud to host the **35th Annual Charity Auction** on **Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. EDT** at **The Hamilton Live** in downtown Washington, DC. This year's event will feature two legendary celebrity emcees: FCBA President **Kathy Kirby** and **Tom Power**, Senior Counsel at CTIA and former General Counsel. In addition, attendees will enjoy a live performance by the **Bob Schwartz Quintet!** The evening's auctioneer, **Max Wolf**, will make his debut to help us raise funds for two amazing local non-profit organizations – **The Washington Jesuit Academy** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

Pre-registration is now **LIVE!** Visit the [Auction Website](#) to create your account for bidding in the online auction through the Greater Giving



2023 FCBA Charity Auction

platform. An account is also required to attend the in-person event. The **online auction opens on Monday, October 21** at 12:00 p.m. EDT. Thanks to our generous donors, we have a wide variety of exciting prizes, including gift cards to restaurants around the DMV, tickets to local sporting events, travel getaways, and more!

Interested in donating an auction item? [Click here to donate](#) and be sure to note any applicable terms. The Auction Committee kindly requests that all donations be submitted by **Wednesday**,

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Upcoming Key Events

Professional Responsibility CLE Seminar

Date/Time: Monday, October 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Intersection of Ethics, Professionalism, and Attorney Wellbeing

Approved for 2.0 hours of VA Bar ETHICS credits

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Topic: The NG911 Transition: The FCC's Nationwide Framework

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Topic: Fast-Tracking Broadband Deployment: How Can States Streamline Pole Attachments

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PRESIDENT'S *Message*

As I write, I'm on a flight home from Boston to DC having spent a marvelous afternoon at Boston College Law with members of our New England Chapter. The considerable thought and effort our NE Co-Chairs put into organizing the "Current Issues" program was apparent and resulted in timely and lively discussions about the ramifications of *Loper Bright*, an examination of ACP's strengths and weaknesses, and the future of USF. Attendees were treated to an insightful and spirited discussion among academics, regulators, industry representatives, and consumer advocates—just the kind of compelling programming that is FCBA's hallmark. The only thing that disappointed me about this trip was myself—I should have booked a later flight home so I could stick around for some of the post-event festivities. That New England crew is fun! Thank you, Sarah Aceves, David Bogan, Greg Kennan, Jackie McCarthy, and our emcee, Rob Munnely.



I can't help but recall the days when our chapters felt isolated and the technology we attempted to use to enable members to participate remotely in primarily DC-based programming just didn't cut it. Not anymore! If you know someone who might benefit from FCBA membership but is deterred by the misconception that we serve Washington DC-only, set them straight. Our CLEs, Lunch & Learns, and even certain other events have a virtual option that makes our educational programming readily accessible around the country. Of course, there is much to be said about getting to know your local colleagues personally and sharing your unique knowledge and experiences, as I witnessed today with aspects of the discussion targeted at local and state issues. Our chapter co-chairs around the country are also busy planning events of all types—get involved. You won't regret it.

As previewed last month, we hit the ground running with an "Enforcement Bureau at 25" event worthy of a red carpet given the star-studded turnout of current and former FCC luminaries and other deans of the bar. I found Former FCC Chairman Bill Kennard's remarks to be inspiring and, particularly having been in practice for the entirety of the EB's existence, enjoyed hearing the inside scoop on the Bureau's origins, evolution, and potential paths for its future. A round of applause for our Enforcement Committee Co-Chairs who pulled this stellar event together in short order: Tyra Carroll, Betsy Craig, Ari Meltzer, Sekoia Rogers Diggs, Owen Smith, and Suzanne Tetreault. Among September's other highlights was a Lunch & Learn with members of Team Telecom Chris Clements and Tyler Wood and moderated by Ryan Thompson, which I found to be incredibly helpful to my practice. Our calendar is rapidly filling up with more networking events and educational opportunities. Don't miss them.

Of course, in October our attention turns . . . no, not to falling leaves. Not to Halloween. Not to radio stations switching to

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Intersection of Ethics, Professionalism, and Attorney Wellbeing Monday, October 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

The FCBA Professional Responsibility Committee will sponsor a CLE on **Monday, October 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Intersection of Ethics, Professionalism, and Attorney Wellbeing**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

This program addresses several issues raised by the 2017 study, report, and recommendations of the National Task Force on Attorney Wellbeing, with particular emphasis on ethics and professionalism. The first hour will explore the prevalence and symptoms of substance use disorders and other mental health disorders (such as major depression and anxiety) in the legal profession, along with effective interventions and treatments. Participants will be given the latest information about the incidence of these disorders in the lawyer population, risk factors involved, and the impact of these disorders on professionalism and compliance with attorney ethics rules, not only for those suffering from such disorders but their colleagues and supervisors. The presentation will also address the impact of stigma as a barrier to seeking help. The second hour will explore the clinical, legal, and professionalism problems which sometimes occur with attorneys practicing well into their advanced senior years. Like the general populace, the legal profession is skewing toward an older demographic. The daily news is rife with concern about the professional viability of superannuated judges and elected officials alike. Senior judges and lawyers bring a wealth of experience to their work but, as a group they also present increased risks of cognitive and physical conditions – challenges which employers and colleagues must navigate skillfully and lawfully. We will address demographic trends in the profession and the medical, neurological, physical, emotional, and

organizational implications of these trends. We will discuss the related issues of professionalism, HR management, ethical considerations, and the legal implications of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other related laws. The panel will share information about effective interventions, treatments, and resources available to support aging judges and attorneys.

The FCBA has been APPROVED for 2.0 hours of ETHICS MCLE credit from the VA Bar.

[Click here to register.](#)

If you have any issues, please contact Elina Gross at elina@fcba.org.

Agenda

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

RECENT RESEARCH AND REPORT OF NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON ATTORNEY WELLBEING

- 2017 survey conducted by American Bar Association and Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation.
 - ▶ Incidence of mental health disorders reported among attorneys
 - ▶ Clinical aspects of addiction and other mental health disorders
 - ▶ Post-pandemic survey by DC and CA Bar (2023)
- Research findings on common aspects of the “lawyer’s brain”
- Common ethics rule violations resulting from untreated mental health disorders.
- Effective clinical interventions available.
- Role of stigma in perpetuating mental health disorders and foregoing treatment.
- How your state’s lawyer assistance program can help.

Speakers:

Niki Irish LISCW, Outreach and Education Coordinator, D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

Tom Gilbertsen, Co-Chair of FCBA Professional Responsibility Committee

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

OUR AGING LEGAL PROFESSION: WORKING WITH BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES

- Demographic trends and range of associated physical and psychological conditions
- Clinical diagnostic tools and available interventions for age-related impairments
- Employer/Employee rights and responsibilities under ADEA and other laws.
 - ▶ what constitutes reasonable accommodation for age-related impairments
- Attorney discipline challenges presented by aging practitioners
- How your state’s lawyer assistance program can help.

Speakers:

Denise Perme LICSW, Associate Director, D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

Elizabeth Fisher, Co-Chair of FCBA Professional Responsibility Committee

Tuesday, October 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET The NG911 Transition: The FCC’s Nationwide Framework

The FCBA **Homeland Security and Emergency Communications Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday, October 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled *The NG911 Transition: The FCC’s Nationwide Framework*. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

The FCC recently adopted the first nationwide Next Generation 911 (“NG911”) transition rules that define the responsibilities and set deadlines for

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originating service providers (“OSPs”) to implement NG911 capabilities on their networks and deliver 911 calls to NG911 systems. The FCC has said that these new rules will expedite the nationwide transition to NG911, lead to faster call delivery and improved service reliability, and save lives. This CLE will review the FCC’s new rules, the next steps for OSPs and public safety entities, and outstanding technical and legal issues.

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

2:00 – 2:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2:05 – 3:00 p.m.

THE FCC’S NG911 TRANSITION ORDER

Panelists:

Harriet Rennie-Brown, Executive Director, National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA)

Eric Hagerson, Public Safety & Security Government Affairs Director, T-Mobile USA; Chair, Board of Directors, i-CERT
Rachel Wehr, Attorney-Advisor, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), FCC

Moderator:

Wes Wright, Executive Director, NG911 Institute; Partner, Keller & Heckman

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES, CHALLENGES AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Panelists:

Brandon Abely, Chief Technology Officer, NENA – The 911 Association

Jeff Cohen, Chief Counsel and Director of Government Relations, APCO International

Brian Ford, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, NTCA

Robert Morse, Assistant General Counsel, Verizon

Adam Wasserman, State 911 Coordinator, Washington State Emergency Management Division

Susan Ornstein, Senior Director, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, ComTech

Moderator:

Kathleen Slattery Thompson, Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, USTelecom

Tuesday, October 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET Fast-Tracking Broadband Deployment: How Can States Streamline Pole Attachments

The FCBA **State and Local Practice Committee** will sponsor a CLE on **Tuesday, October 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET** entitled **Fast-Tracking Broadband Deployment: How Can States Streamline Pole Attachments**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel recently called pole attachments “an essential part of our effort to ensure that high-speed service reaches everyone, everywhere across the country.” While most states follow the FCC’s pole attachment rules, 24 (including DC) have opted to regulate access to utility poles on their own. And amid the largest federal investment in broadband, many of those “certified states” are issuing new or amended rules for pole attachment rates, terms, and conditions in order to balance the needs of communications attachers and pole owners in the communal effort to ensure a competitive, communications landscape.

Featuring expert panelists from state utility commissions across the country and industry representatives of both communications attachers and pole owners, this CLE will examine different state-level approaches to pole attachment regulations as well as current challenges faced in ensuring aerial deployment of communications equipment on utility poles.

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2:00 – 2:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Andy Klein, Managing Attorney, Klein Law Group PLLC

2:05 – 3:05 p.m.

STATE UTILITY COMMISSIONS AND POLE ATTACHMENTS

State commissioners and staff will discuss the current landscape of pole attachment regulation in the states. Topics will include state pre-emption of FCC pole attachment jurisdiction, steps states are taking to streamline deployment, and how state commissions are positioned to serve as a point of communication – and dispute resolution – between owners and attachers.

Moderator:

Brad Ramsay, General Counsel and Senior Director, Policy, NARUC

Panelists:

Commissioner Mary Pat Regan, Kentucky Public Service Commission
Jody McColman, Director, Telephone and Water Utility Industries, Maine Public Utilities Commission

More panelists to be announced

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3:05 – 4:00 p.m.

POLE ATTACHMENTS AND THE TELECOM INDUSTRY

Pole owners and attachers will discuss current issues relevant to industry as it pertains to pole attachments. Topics will include challenges faced by both owners and attachers, benefits and challenges of one-touch make-ready, and the impact of pole attachment policy on broadband deployment.

Moderator:

Abram Shanedling, Associate, SheppardMullin

Panelists:

Amy Averill, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
More panelists to be announced

Thursday, November 14, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET Taking Stock of the 2024 AI Landscape: A Look Back at Federal and State AI Developments

The FCBA Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotics Committee will sponsor a CLE on Thursday, November 14, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET entitled **Taking Stock of AI Developments in 2024: A Look Back at Federal and State AI Developments**. This program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

The trend toward regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is more than mere speculation as government bodies at the state and federal levels have taken significant action to begin implementing guidelines, guardrails, and regulatory frameworks for the use of AI. In the past year, state legislatures have forged ahead with groundbreaking legislation to regulate the rapidly advancing technology.

Federal agencies have also worked to implement the Biden Administration's October 2023 Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence and apply existing rules to the AI industry.

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1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1:05 – 2:00 p.m.

A LOOK AT STATE LAWS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AROUND AI

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

RECENT FEDERAL EFFORTS FOCUSED ON AI

Tuesday, November 19, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET Limits on Regulatory Jurisdiction of Space Operations After Loper Bright

The FCBA Space Committee will sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, November 19, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET entitled **Limits on Regulatory Jurisdiction of Space Operations After Loper Bright**. The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

This CLE will consider the effects the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* will have on the

existing regulatory regime for commercial space operators, as well as possibilities for future legislation and regulation.

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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11:00 – 11:05 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Tollefsen, Law Office of Scott Tollefsen

11:05 – 12:05 p.m.

DOES LOPER BRIGHT UPEND EXISTING REGULATIONS?

The first session will focus on the *Loper Bright* decision and panelists will discuss its effect on the commercial space industry. Topics will discuss the existing regulatory regimes and whether *Loper Bright* calls into question the extent to which each agency can regulate.

Moderator:

Robert McDowell, Partner, Cooley LLP

Speakers:

Jim Dunstan, Senior Counsel, TechFreedom

Harold Feld, Senior Vice President, Public Knowledge

Philip Hover-Smoot, CEO and GC, Scout Space Inc.

Jodi Goldberg, Special Counsel, Sheppard Mullin (invited)

12:05 – 1:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENS NEXT AND ARE THERE INTERNATIONAL MODELS THAT COULD WORK IN THE U.S.?

The panel will discuss possible reactions from U.S. regulators and explore examples of international regulatory models that are effectively

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used to regulate commercial space operations where jurisdiction is not clear.

Moderator:

Jennifer A. Manner, Senior Advisor
Space and Satellite Policy, NTIA

Speakers:

Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Global
Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy,
Lockheed Martin

Katherine Gizinski, Chief Executive
Officer, River Associates

Callum Gray, Manager, OFCOM
(invited)

Tuesday, January 28, 12:30 – 2:30 pm ET Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the Telecom Sector: Where Do We Go From Here?

The FCBA Diversity Committee will sponsor a CLE on Tuesday, January 28, 12:30 – 2:30 pm ET entitled Diversity

Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the Telecom Sector: Where Do We Go From Here? The program will be held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Join us for engaging discussions about the state of DEI in the telecom sector, the road ahead, and the impact of artificial intelligence.

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12:30 – 12:35 a.m.
**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

12:35 – 1:35 p.m.
**DEI IN THE TELECOM SECTOR
– THE ROAD AHEAD**

1:35 – 2:30 p.m.
**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:
ITS ROLE IN DEI...A BOON OR
A BUST?**

Speakers TBD

FCBA DINNER

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the dinner as guests of individuals and organizations without the involvement of the FCBA. However, individuals who have signed the Administration's Ethics pledge cannot accept invitations from registered lobbying organizations or registered lobbyists. Some agencies, departments and branches of the Federal Government may apply additional stipulations above the regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics. While this event has qualified as a widely attended gathering in previous years, each FCC employee is required to obtain individual ethics clearance based on matters they are working on within the Commission. Employees of the Commerce Department are required to obtain individual ethics clearance through the Department's Office of General Counsel. Invitations to Members of Congress, Congressional Staff, and employees of the Department of State must be issued by the FCBA.

Requests for invitations to be sent from the FCBA must be emailed to kerry@fcba.org by Tuesday, November 12. Invitees will be placed at the discretion of the FCBA.

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October 9. Electronic donations can be emailed to **Kerry Loughney** at kerry@fcba.org. Physical prizes must be mailed or dropped off at the FCBA office, Attn: Kerry Loughney, 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

For inquiries about **sponsorship opportunities** or any other questions, please contact **Courtney Tolerico** at cftolerico@gmail.com or **Kerry Loughney** at kerry@fcba.org.

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holiday music 24/7. It's the Charity Auction! Like the many young lawyers in whose footsteps they follow, this year's committee and its leaders are putting their all into what promises to be yet another way our bar has fun and does good. Personally, I am so pleased that my friend of many decades, CTIA's Tom Power, has agreed to emcee the event along with me. Everyone who knows Tom knows he makes a great straight man. Join us (or check out the online auction) and bid early and often.

Last, but certainly not least, on October 15 we will launch Year 5 (!) of what has become one of FCBA's most impactful endeavors—the Diversity Pipeline Program. To advance our mission of fostering meaningful diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, our DPP Committee created two groundbreaking programs—the pipeline program and the TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program—to attract, develop, and support diverse first year law students from historically underrepresented and disadvantaged groups in pursuing legal careers in TMT law and policy. Since its inception, the DPP has received over 300 student applications from nearly 40 law schools

from across the country, facilitated over 100 paid internships with employer participants, and held over 90 hours of substantive instructional sessions for students pursuing the TMT Law & Policy Certificate. We aim to do even more in Year 5.

I cannot help but be inspired when I think about the many, many people who give of their time and talent to enrich our organization and its members. I hope to see friends old and new at the Hamilton Live on October 23!

Kathy Kirby
FCBA President 2023-2024

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COMMITTEE AND CHAPTER *Events*

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For more information: See [page 5](#)
[Click here to register.](#)

Diversity Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn
Date/Time: Monday, November 18, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Celebrating Leaders of Color in the Telecom Sector. Join us for an enlightening discussion among telecom leaders of color about their perspectives on the hot telecom topics of today and the future, their career experiences, and their advice for the next generation of leaders.
Speakers: TBD
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Intellectual Property Committee

Event: Lunch and Learn
Date/Time: Wednesday, October 16, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Hybrid – In-person: ACT | The App Association, 1401 K Street, NW, Mezzanine Floor, Washington, DC 20005 OR Virtual: [Link to follow](#)
Topic: Updates and Perspectives on the European Union's Standard Essential Patent Regulation. The European Union's proposed standard essential patent (SEP) Regulation has drawn attention from many in the communications industry over the last few years. The Regulation is intended to improve the framework governing the inclusion of patented technologies in technical standards and to augment the licensing process for these unique patents through enhanced transparency and reduced information asymmetries. The FCBA's Intellectual Property Committee invites you to join an informal lunch and learn discussion with experts who will share background and context for the EU's SEP Regulation and insights into status and the process moving forward, offer perspectives on its features and the impact on EU (and U.S.) businesses and the broader tech industry, and take your questions.
Presenters: John Dubiansky, Senior Director, Intellectual Property and Standards Policy at Dolby Laboratories and David Katz, Partner, PacTech Law
Lunch will not be provided for in-person attendees.
[Click here to attend in person.](#)
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Event: CLE Seminar
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual via the Zoom platform
Topic: Fast-Tracking Broadband Deployment: How Can States Streamline Pole Attachments
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
For more information: See [page 4](#)
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RANDOMCOFFEE



■ The next RandomCoffee round will be activated on October 8. A sign-up email will be sent from RandomCoffee around 2:30 pm EDT. Matches will be announced on October 11 at 5:30 pm EDT. Please sign up at any time during that window.

■ If you don't see the email in your inbox, it may be caught in your spam filter. Please check for an email from "RandomCoffee @ FCBA" or fcba@my.random-coffee.com and allowlist the email going forward so you won't miss future RandomCoffee invitations!

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FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program Committee announces the launch of the 2024-2025 Diversity Pipeline Program ("DPP") on October 15th

The DPP is a competitive program that prepares first-year law students with diverse backgrounds and perspectives for elite careers in TMT law and policy by (1) facilitating access to paid DC-based summer internships, (2) introducing students to cutting-edge legal and policy concepts in the TMT industry, and (3) providing access to mentoring and networking opportunities throughout the summer. The DPP Committee encourages practitioners, law school faculty and administrators, and students to share the application with 1L law students in their networks to help spread the word about this important program.

Our central vision remains to create an evolving pipeline, opening doors for diverse students and nurturing future leaders who will one day shape the Tech Bar and the TMT space.

YEAR 5 PROGRAM LAUNCH AND APPLICATION PERIOD

- Program Kick-off Webinar
 - ▶ **Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024
 - ▶ **Time:** 5:00 - 6:00 PM ET
 - ▶ **Registration link** [here](#)
- October 16, 2024 – Student Application Window Opens
 - ▶ October 18, 2024 – Student Information Session (1)
Registration link [here](#)
 - ▶ October 22, 2024 – Student Information Session (2)
Registration link [here](#)
- November 6, 2024 – Student Application Window Closes

Employer participation opportunities are available until Wednesday, November 15. More information is available during the October 17, 5:00 PM ET, Year 5 Employer Information session. **Registration link** [here](#)

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More details can be found at the [DPP website](#). For any questions, please contact the DPP Committee at diversitypipeline@fcba.org or the Committee leads: Anisa Green (al7161@att.com), Rudy Brioché (rudy_brioché@comcast.com), and Svetlana Gans (sgans@gibsondunn.com).

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, Addison Spencer (fclj@law.gwu.edu).

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The “Enforcement Bureau at 25” Event a Huge Success!

Thank you to the FCBA’s Enforcement Committee and everyone who attended the **Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA - The Tech Bar)** “Enforcement Bureau at 25” event last week at Wiley Rein LLP.

We heard from an esteemed and engaging panel, moderated by the current Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, Loyaan Egal, and featuring former Bureau Chiefs Rosemary Harold, Travis LeBlanc, and Kris Monteith, and former Acting Chief (and original Enforcement Bureau attorney) Suzanne Tetreault. We are also grateful to Former FCC Chairman William Kennard for his inspiring opening remarks.

Attendees also mingled afterwards at a reception sponsored by sponsored by Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard LLP, HWG LLP, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Wiley Rein LLP, and Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP.

Stay tuned for more insightful telecom and tech programming over the coming weeks!





Get Involved in the 35th Annual Charity Auction

The Auction Committee is seeking volunteers for this year's event on **October 23, 2024!** The Volunteers—both law students and practitioners—play a key role in making the event a success. Help is needed assisting with check-in, set up, clean up, and the like on the night of the auction. Volunteers are not expected to work the entire night, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the evening and network with fellow FCBA members. To volunteer for the Charity Auction, please email FCBAuction@gmail.com.

2025 FCBA Annual Seminar to be held at The Hotel Hershey May 16-18 ~ SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join your colleagues at the **FCBA Annual Seminar** on **May 16-18, 2025** at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA. Watch for program details in the coming months.

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Delara Derakhshani

By: Laura Phillips

Delara Derakhshani serves as Director of Policy at the Data Transfer Initiative (DTI), a recently-formed 501(c)(4) non-profit with the mission of empowering users by enhancing data portability. DTI works with its founding partners—Apple, Meta and Google—and other stakeholders to build and implement the tools that allow users to directly transfer their data across various services simply and securely. Delara is a longtime member and volunteer of the FCBA and has served on the Foundation's Board and as a mentor both formally and informally in our community. It was great to hear from an FCBA member that works squarely within the “tech” portion of the FCBA – the Tech Bar.



Q: What attracted you to the field of communications?

A: I have always been intrigued by how technology shapes human perception, behavior, and interaction, which led me to major in Cognitive Science at the University of Virginia. The interdisciplinary major blends coursework in neuroscience, computer science, philosophy, linguistics, and psychology. It piqued my interest in how people engage with technology and media, as well as how law and policy can influence those interactions and consumer experiences.

During my time at UVA, I joined a research lab where I had the opportunity to study human behavior in virtual reality simulations and assist doctoral students in their research on secure dissemination of digitally 3D-rendered models as it relates to the protection of intellectual property. We frequently explored other cutting-edge topics related to human-computer interaction, artificial intelligence, and even the connection between the design of user interfaces and how humans perceive and act upon cues. The more I worked at the forefront of these novel technologies, the more I started to realize that the communications and technology law curriculum at The Catholic University's Columbus School of Law was the perfect way to further explore my interests and tackle the many challenges that arise in evolving and complex digital spaces.

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

A: I started my first full-time position after law school with T-Mobile's DC office, where I worked closely with Kathleen Ham and Tom Sugrue, who both encouraged me to actively participate in FCBA events—advice that has proved invaluable to my professional growth.

After T-Mobile, I joined Consumer Reports, where I served as the lead advocate for privacy, tech, telecom, and media issues before Congress, the Administration, and federal agencies. We were a small team, and all of our work was done in-house. Less than a month into my job, I was already drafting regulatory filings, participating in workshops, and taking meetings with regulatory agencies such as the FTC, FCC, and CFPB. At Consumer Reports, I had the opportunity to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on data breaches and the Senate Commerce Committee on wireless issues. I appeared regularly as a spokesperson before national media outlets, and developed close working relationships with grassroots organizations, civil rights organizations, and public interest groups on various social justice initiatives. I'm incredibly grateful for the meaningful work and the connections I made during my time there, and to this day I approach my work with a mindset of what is best for the consumer.

At the Entertainment Software Association (the trade association for the video game industry), I advised major video game

publishers and console makers on a range of topics including e-commerce, consumer protection, biometrics, accessibility, VR/AR/MR, and esports. As the lead for esports, I spearheaded global initiatives, forged alignment with our international partners and “sister organizations,” advised members on strategic initiatives and potential paths forward, and advocated before governments and the International Olympic Committee on behalf of the video game industry as a whole. Working at a trade association taught me invaluable lessons, including how to reconcile the viewpoints of 30+ companies with different backgrounds, corporate cultures and missions, and interests. Not only that, but as a video game enthusiast, I was incredibly grateful to immerse myself in a field that had such an enormous and positive impact on me since my childhood.

Following ESA, I joined Meta's Reality Labs policy team (the team responsible for the Meta Quest, the Metaverse, and augmented reality products). Joining Meta felt like a no-brainer: the team's focus was a natural extension of everything I had already worked on in the video game industry. At Meta, I served as the lead for our facial recognition policy work across the entire company and later took over the policy portfolio for Meta's first ever smart glasses. It was great to learn an entirely new set of skills related to working in-house in the tech industry. I learned that there really are some things that you can only learn by doing and by being inside of a large company.

Today, I am at the Data Transfer Initiative; I'm excited to share more on that below.

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

A: I'm so grateful for how my career has turned out to date, though I wouldn't say any of it was planned. As I often tell my mentees and younger lawyers, there's no single “right” path to success in this field. However, there are steps you can take to set yourself up for

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DELARA DERAKHSHANI

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it. Over the years, I met and sought advice from as many people as possible, took on volunteer and leadership roles within the FCBA, and stayed alert for opportunities. When unexpected opportunities came my way, I would ask myself: *Am I passionate about this? Does it make me happy? Is it a good fit, both in terms of substance and culture? And most importantly, how will it help me grow or reach the next level?* Before long, I found myself in what I genuinely considered various “dream roles” that I was not even initially aware existed.

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

A: I’ve been in my current position for about a year and a half now—and I recognize that data portability may seem like a niche topic with which not everyone is familiar. In short, our organization, DTI, helps companies bring data portability to life. We build the tools that let users move their data (think photos, social media posts, and playlists) from one service to another. Why is this important now, more than ever? Well, some companies are now required to implement these tools under the Digital Markets Act in Europe—but many others have worked for years to develop these tools to improve the consumer experience. Regulators around the world are increasingly recognizing that data portability empowers consumers by giving them greater control over their personal data, prevents “lock-in,” and fosters competition and innovation. And frankly, consumers are starting to expect more control over their data—so I’m excited to be at the forefront of this space when we are at a turning point for data portability.

The problem is that implementing effective data transfers between services is technically complex and fraught with uncertainties about responsibilities, potential liabilities, outstanding questions about the scope of data that should be portable, and how to securely and safely

collaborate with third parties. Companies are in the throes of navigating untested regulatory frameworks like the Digital Markets Act.

This is where DTI comes in. We are the foremost global expert on this topic—and we are uniquely positioned to convene stakeholders, streamline engagement for companies of all sizes, enhance collaboration among diverse stakeholders, and develop practical solutions in this evolving landscape. Our organization aims to simplify and standardize data models while expanding partnerships to assist companies of all sizes in building user-friendly data portability tools. Our vision extends beyond tool development; we engage with policymakers and the broader ecosystem to address the global landscape.

There is a great deal still to be done, but I am particularly excited about our current work developing a safety and security trust model aimed at mutually authorizing data transfers between sending and receiving services. Ultimately, our goal is to guide the independent implementation of trust processes that protect the interests of all parties involved. If trust cannot be established, direct transfers should not occur, as a lack of trust undermines the objectives of data portability.

Of course, none of this work can take place in a silo, so I’m particularly excited to explore partnership opportunities with large and small companies alike and educate many of you about how your work with portability intersects with ours.

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

A: We’ve all heard of the phrase “privacy by design” (e.g., the idea that privacy features should be baked into the design phase of a product or service)—but I never cease to be amazed by the power of what I like to call “inclusivity-by-design,” and the profound impact of incorporating diverse voices into any existing planned process from individuals who are willing to share

their first-hand various lived experiences. These discussions have highlighted that to truly understand potential harms and sensitivities, we must invite people to the table. When we don’t listen to these perspectives, we risk missing the mark and, worse, unintentionally causing harm. Gathering insights isn’t just about collecting information; it’s about weaving the feedback of those who are impacted into the very fabric of what we create.

Q: **What do you enjoy reading?**

A: I’ve been on a fiction kick recently: specifically, science fiction. Suggestions welcome.

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

A: I’m an artist and performer. I compose music for the piano, took ballet for most of my life (following in the footsteps of my mother, a professional ballerina), and recently started performing improv comedy again. I’m also exploring stand-up comedy. In the past few years, I’ve taken up painting as my newest hobby. Since then, I have completed over 400 works of art. My style is abstract, colorful, and bold—and the media on which I paint includes everything from canvases to wine bottles to furniture and even video game consoles. I’m currently building a website to sell my original works of art as well as home and office décor and products featuring my designs, and I’m excited to share this new venture with the FCBA membership when it’s ready.

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: Many young lawyers and current students often feel pressured to choose a single career path, but worry that doing so will preclude them from pursuing seemingly conflicting career choices at other organizations with

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different interests in the future. I'm here to assure you that this assumption is unfounded. Throughout my career, I have navigated both consumer advocacy and the private sector, discovering opportunities that not only align with my passions but also blend various aspects of my life. In fact, this multifaceted approach has made me a stronger, more well-rounded candidate.

Our bar is a small and close-knit community, especially in the tech and telecommunications sectors, and camaraderie and reputation matter immensely. It's crucial to lift each other up and to seek out mentorship when you need it; we're all here to help. I've also found great value in seeking out mentorship from many different people with diverse backgrounds. It allows me to consider and weigh many different perspectives and ultimately choose the path that's right for me.

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

A: I started attending FCBA events towards the end of 2008 after Megan Stull, my longtime friend and mentor,

urged me to do so. I didn't know it at the time, but 16 years later I can honestly say that it was the single most important and impactful career decision I've made. Both Megan and Bryan Tramont instilled in me the notion that we all should "Pay It Forward" as we are able, and I am very proud to volunteer and to mentor and to be part of this community. I look forward

to many more years together. See you all at the next event!

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

The Federal Communications Law Journal

The *Federal Communications Law Journal (FCLJ)* 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.

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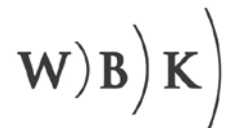
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10.24.1

Commercial Contracts Counsel – JSI is looking for a talented, dynamic commercial attorney to review, draft, and negotiate agreements. We are looking for a stellar attorney with initiative and drive who can handle a high volume of varied and complex legal work. The attorney must understand the effect of laws and regulations on our business and provide strategic legal advice to facilitate effective commercial contractual relationships while balancing operational and compliance risks. You will work directly with the Chief Financial Officer, Engineering teams, Consulting Division, and other firm leadership.

Key Responsibilities

- Understand JSI's business, products, and operations, including its policies, processes, and systems.
- Act as the main legal point of contact for all commercial agreements and certain other legal matters.
- Directly advise management team members on legal matters and questions pertaining to our services.
- Standardize internal contract templates, establish best practices for contract review processes and contract management, and create a repository of all internal and external contracts.
- Manage and monitor all state regulatory licensing and registration requirements for JSI.
- When necessary, liaise with outside counsel on technical and/or corporate legal matters.
- Maintain a business focus that balances the needs of the business for profitability by ensuring the contractual terms and conditions protect the company and minimize risk.
- Collaborate in the development and rollout of conflicts of interest policies and processes, supporting the conflicts committee as needed.
- Provide creative solutions and ideas for resolution.
- Occasionally, the role may require assisting our Consulting division, which supports many clients in drafting and reviewing various contracts and agreements.

Qualifications

- J.D. degree from an accredited law school and licensed to practice in the state of Maryland
- 2-3+ years of law firm experience and at least 5+ years of in-house experience reviewing, drafting, and negotiating a wide range of commercial contracts.
- Experience in telecommunications or engineering settings involving Fortune 1000 clients.
- Experience advising on IP, product, privacy, corporate, and M&A matters.
- A passion for law and technology, sound legal judgment, attention to detail, clear communication skills, an enthusiasm for learning, and an understanding of how to provide legal advice in a rapidly growing environment effectively.
- Demonstrated experience in policy development and the management of conflicts of interest, with the capability to take on a leadership role in implementation if required.
- Self-motivated and able to complete matters without extensive supervision.
- Sound business judgment, with the ability to recognize the business consequences of legal advice.
- Hands-on, active, "roll up your sleeve" mentality.
- A great attitude.
- Excellent organizational skills and the ability to manage and prioritize simultaneous assignments in a fast-paced, dynamic, high-volume, and ambiguous environment.
- Ability to build trusting relationships with stakeholders at various levels across the organization.

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10.24.2

Broadband Grants & Regulatory

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Your Role

- **Grant Compliance:** Guide clients on post-award compliance, manage reporting, ensure alignment with regulations (2 CFR 200, etc.).
- **Telecom Regulations:** Stay current on federal/state rules, prepare filings, represent clients with agencies.
- **Client Support:** Build strong relationships, provide guidance, create educational resources.
- **Internal Collaboration:** Work with legal, finance, etc. for seamless grant activities.
- **Research & Communication:** Research rural broadband rules, create presentations/advisories.
- **Initiative:** Take on additional duties to support the department's goals.

Qualifications

- 5-7 years experience in grant management, compliance, and telecom regulations.
- Expertise in post-award grant compliance (2 CFR 200).
- Deep knowledge of telecom rules (FCC, USAC, PUC/PSC).
- Strong leadership, attention to detail, excellent communication.
- Proficient in MS Office, SmartSheets, Adobe.
- Organized, able to handle multiple grants in a fast-paced environment.
- Relationship-builder, independent worker, collaborative, problem-solver.
- Growth mindset, positive approach to diverse teams.

*This role has a minimum billable hours requirement.

Why JSI

- Be a trailblazer in compliance, helping bridge the digital divide.
- Make a real impact in rural communities.
- If you're proactive, detail-oriented, and passionate about compliance, apply today!

Please send your resume directly to Dawn O'Donnell at dawn.odonnell@jsitel.com.

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36TH FCBA ANNUAL DINNER *Registration*

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

**THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS
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**RECEPTION - 5:45 P.M. - MEZZANINE
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FCBA Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Newest Members!

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William Beckwith, Beckwith Law PLLC

Jordan Carlson

Rebecca Clinton, Federal Communications Commission

Scott Freiermuth, T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Jonathan Galaviz

Stephen Hanson

Abigail Hicks

Emily Hsu, Amazon.com Services LLC

Nicolaine Lazarre, Charter Communications

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Calendar

October 7	CLE Seminar: Intersection of Ethics, Professionalism, and Attorney Wellbeing – applying for VA Bar Ethics credit
October 15	CLE Seminar: The NG911 Transition: The FCC’s Nationwide Framework
October 16	Intellectual Property Committee Lunch and Learn
October 23	35th Annual FCBA/FCBA Foundation Charity Auction at the Hamilton Live
October 29	CLE Seminar: Fast-Tracking Broadband Deployment: How Can States Streamline Pole Attachments
November 14	CLE Seminar: Taking Stock of the 2024 AI Landscape: A Look Back at Federal and State AI Developments
November 18	Diversity Committee Lunch and Learn
November 19	CLE Seminar: Limits on Regulatory Jurisdiction of Space Operations After <i>Loper Bright</i>
December 3	FCBA Annual Dinner featuring FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel at the Marriott Marquis
January 28, 2025	CLE Seminar: Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the Telecom Sector: Where Do We Go From Here?
May 16-18	FCBA Annual Seminar at the Hotel Hershey