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2009 Symposium

INTERFERENCE: Wireless Innovation, Public Interest, Regulatory Response

Thursday, February 26, 2009

8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

This symposium poses the question: What is the appropriate regulatory response to increasing innovation in the provision of wireless service and development of wireless devices, given increased calls for use of spectrum in the public interest?

This program is approved for 5.0 Virginia MCLE Credit Hours

8:30-8:35 **Opening Remarks**

8:45-9:15 **Morning Keynote**

Meredith Attwell Baker, former Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

9:20-10:35 **DTV Scorecard**

Panelists will discuss the decision to delay the transition, the issues yet to be resolved, and look forward to the ultimate effect and success of the transition.

Moderator: Mark Lloyd, VP, Strategic Initiatives, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Panelists:

Diane Burstein, VP and Deputy General Counsel, National Cable and Telecommunications Association

Bernadette McGuire-Rivera, Associate Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Jane Mago, Executive VP and General Counsel, National Association of Broadcasters

Lonna Thompson, Senior VP and General Counsel, Association of Public Television Stations

Paul Nagle, Minority Counsel, Senate Commerce Committee

10:40-11:55 Interference, Innovation, and Global Spectrum Policy

Speakers will outline United States involvement in international spectrum policy and management and discuss key issues affecting innovation and global harmonization of advanced broadband wireless, public safety, national defense, climate research, and other important services.

Moderator: Donna Gregg, Scholar-in-Residence and Visiting Professor, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Panelists:

John Giusti, Acting Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission
Julie Zoller, Member, Radio Regulations Board, International Telecommunication Union

Edward Davison, Chairman, Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Steve Sharkey, Senior Director, Regulatory and Spectrum Policy, Motorola
Joslyn Read, VP, Regulatory Affairs, SES New Skies and SES Americom

11:55-1:00 Luncheon Keynote

1:05-2:20 A Debate on Spectrum Allocation in the Digital Age

Gigi Sohn, President and Co-Founder of Public Knowledge, and Thomas Hazlett, Professor of Law and Economics at George Mason University, will debate the proper modes of allocation—licensed or unlicensed—and the proper uses for spectrum ranging from in the public interest to entirely commercial.

Moderator: Bryan Tramont, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Panelists:

Thomas Hazlett, Professor of Law and Economics, George Mason
Gigi Sohn, President and Co-Founder, Public Knowledge

2:25-3:40 D Block and AWS: Using Spectrum Auctions to Achieve Social Goals

Panelists will discuss the particular theories on optimal allocation of spectrum, with a specific focus on using the spectrum to serve public interest.

Moderator: Former FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Panelists:

Brian Fontes, CEO, National Emergency Number Association
Angela Giancarlo, Senior Legal Advisor and Chief of Staff, FCC Commissioner McDowell
Kathleen Ham, VP, Regulatory Affairs, T-Mobile
Christopher Guttman-McCabe, VP, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA—The Wireless Association
John Muleta, CEO and Founder, M2Z Networks, Inc.

3:45 Closing Remarks and Networking Reception

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