The Fourteenth Annual Conference on

Telecommunications Law

Key developments in regulatory policy, technology, and case law

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Washington State Convention and Trade Center

Credits: WA CLE 11.5 (call about others)
Quick when/where: 8:30 a.m., 800 Convention Place
With the introduction of new technologies, the need for new forms of regulation, service challenges in rural areas and the emergence of new providers—this year’s conference is more pertinent than ever.

In a world with fast-paced new technology developments and deployments, where providers struggle to keep up, how will it all play out? What do recent court and regulatory decisions mean? What does this all mean to the consumer?

Once again we are bringing together the major players to examine telecom’s latest challenges, including the new political dynamics in Washington and the latest developments that impact the wireless industry. Major points of discussion are telecommunications policy changes from the new Obama Administration, Supreme Court decisions and other developments affecting the competitive landscape, key wireless developments, security and privacy issues, special access and the net neutrality debate.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Arthur A. Butler, Esq. and Brooks E. Harlow, Esq.
8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Introduction to Day Two: Wireless Issues and Perspectives on the Major Issues Facing the Industry

Arthur A. Butler, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Brooks E. Harlow, Esq., Program Co-Chair

8:45 Wireless: Changes in the Industry Arising from New Market and Regulatory Developments

Overview of key wireless developments over the past year and what to expect for wireless telecommunications policy changes in 2009; update on roaming

Bryan N. Tramont, Esq.
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP ~ Washington, DC

The principled bases for regulating “access” to CMRS and other wireless networks by competitive service providers, equipment and software providers, content providers, etc., as well as the principles that mandate against regulation

Karen Brinkmann, Esq.
Latham & Watkins LLP ~ Washington, DC

White Spaces Order: Update on the decision and its implications for more efficient use of other spectrum bands

Suzanne K. Toller, Esq.
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP ~ San Francisco, CA

10:30 Break

10:45 Security and Privacy Issues in Mobile Commerce and Location-Based Services

Rapid innovation and data protection issues arising from both mobile and vehicle-based telematics and LBS; discussion of commercial side and the applicable law

David L. Rice, Esq.
Miller Nash LLP ~ Seattle, WA

Scott Forbes, Ph.D., Esq., Director of Technology Ventures
General Electric ~ Princeton, NJ

11:45 Trends in International Regulation of Internet-Delivered Services

Discussion of telecom regulatory compliance trends facing delivery of Internet-delivered voice and video services in key regions around the world

Kevin Minsky, Esq.
Senior Attorney, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs
Microsoft Corporation ~ Redmond, WA

12:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:45 Changes to Federal Regulatory Policy

What to expect from the Federal Communications Commission on competition policy in light of the new administration and changes in the financial markets

The Hon. Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Esq.
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP ~ Washington, DC

2:45 Break

3:00 Interconnection, Inter-Carrier Compensation, Broadband Deployment, and Universal Service Reform: What’s Next?

Overview of the scope and terms of the FCC’s November 4, 2008, Order; issues still under FCC consideration and on appeal; impact of Obama’s proposal to expand universal service funding to broadband in rural areas; other options for rural areas

Brooks E. Harlow, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Moderator
CLEC perspective

Brad E. Mutschelknaus, Esq.
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP ~ Washington, DC

ILEC perspective

Melissa Newman, Esq., Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Qwest ~ Washington, DC

Wireless perspective

David A. LaFuria, Esq.
Lukas Nace Gutierre & Sachs Chartered ~ Washington, DC

Rural ILEC perspective

Ellen S. Martin, Vice President, State External Affairs
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4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Brooks E. Harlow, Program Co-Chair, partner at Miller Nash LLP, focuses on telecommunications, electric energy and other utility matters including antitrust, breach of warranty, contracts, finance and secured transactions, franchise issues, intercarrier disputes and general business advice to start-up companies in the telecommunications and electric energy industries.

The Hon. Kathleen Q. Abernathy, partner at Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, focuses on policy and regulatory issues to the telecommunications and media fields. Previously she was Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission.

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Scott Forbes, Ph.D., Director of Technology Ventures at General Electric, focuses on technology investments and IP licensing, particularly in telecommunications, consumer electronics, and biotechnology, and is an inventor on more than thirty patents.

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David A. LaFuria, partner with Lukas Nace Gutierrez & Sachs Chartered, advises public and private companies involved in cellular, PCS, LMDS, the Internet and new technologies. He was special FCC counsel in conjunction with purchase and sale of wireless communications systems and financing of wireless companies.

Andrew D. Lipman, partner and Head of Bingham McCutchen LLP’s Telecommunications, Media and Technology Group, focuses on communications law, including regulatory, transactional, litigation, legislative and land use. He is co-founder and first chairman of the Association of Local Telecommunication Services.

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Nicholas P. Miller, partner at Miller & Van Eaton, PLLC, represents the interests of local governments in the law and policy governing cable television and telephone regulation, and in legislative aspects of communications law. Previously he was U.S. Senate Communications Counsel and special consultant to the White House on telephone deregulation issues.

Kevin Minsky, Senior Attorney of Corporate and Regulatory Affairs at Microsoft Corporation, is lead telecom counsel advising on telecommunications and accessibility compliance issues for its voice, VoIP, video, and Internet-based services, hardware and software. He also works with Microsoft’s Government Affairs teams on telecommunications legislation and regulatory proceedings.

Brad E. Mutschelknaus, senior partner and Executive Committee Member of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, is a founding partner of its Telecommunications Practice Group. He represents competitive carrier clients in regulatory proceedings before the FCC and state PUCs, interconnection negotiations, and related litigation and commercial matters.

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Brendan Ross, Founder of Ross Asset Advisors, Inc. and Financial Advisor, provides investment advisory and management services. Previously he was President of ReserveAmerica and President and CEO of Fanfare Media Works.

Dan Shapiro, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer at Ontela, Inc., previously managed development of the RealArcade service at RealNetworks and software development for the Identity Cellular Phone at Wildseed.

Suzanne K. Toller, partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and Chair of its Communications Practice Group, focuses on regulatory and legal issues in telecommunications. Previously she was Vice President of External Affairs for AT&T Wireless and a legal advisor to FCC Commissioner Chong.

Bryan N. Tramont, partner with Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, previously was Chief of Staff of the FCC, under former Chairman Michael Powell, where he directed the agency’s staff in implementing FCC policies overseeing the communications industry; including wireline, broadcast, wireless and satellite.

William B. Wilhelm Jr., partner with Bingham McCutchen LLP, advises technology companies on policy, state and federal regulation and commercial transactions and disputes related to the development and deployment of new communications applications.

Who Should Attend: Attorneys and executives in the telecommunications, cable and electric industries; local governmental representatives; large users of telecommunications services

You Will Learn About: The net neutrality debate under the Obama Administration
Special access service
Telecommunications policy changes
Wall Street’s view
Northwest startup and innovation
What to expect from the FCC
Recent decisions affecting the competitive landscape
Key wireless developments over the past year and what to expect
Security and privacy issues
International regulatory compliance trends of internet-delivered services
What is next for interconnection, inter-carrier compensation, broadband deployment, and universal service reform

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