

**SPEAKER BIOS:**  
**(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)**

**Lawrence J. Spiwak**  
**President**  
**Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies**

Mr. Spiwak is an internationally recognized scholar regarding the legal and economic issues affecting regulated telecommunications and related industries, and has authored numerous acclaimed articles, papers and books addressing the complexity and variety of these issues. Mr. Spiwak's work has been cited by, *inter alia*, the United States Federal Communications Commission, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, the United States Federal Trade Commission, the United States Code Annotated, the Congressional Research Service, American Jurisprudence (2d), the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), and on the respective floors of both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. Other scholars also frequently cite to Mr. Spiwak, and simple web searches reveal that Mr. Spiwak's papers are used as teaching material at universities around the world. Mr. Spiwak is also ranked in the top 6% of authors listed overall with the Social Science Research Network ("SSRN").

In addition, major media news outlets such as Public Television's NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT, BUSINESSWEEK, FORBES.COM, the NEW YORK TIMES, USATODAY, the ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, the WASHINGTON TIMES, the NATIONAL JOURNAL, CNET, ZDNet, the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, KIPLINGER's, the MIAMI HERALD, the MILWAUKEE-JOURNAL SENTINEL, the DALLAS-MORNING NEWS, the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, the SEATTLE TIMES, the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER, the ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, the ORLANDO SENTINEL, the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, the INDIANAPOLIS STAR, the PALM BEACH POST, the HARTFORD COURANT, the ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, the WASHINGTON POST, the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, the CHARLOTTE NEWS OBSERVER, the KANSAS CITY STAR, the BALTIMORE SUN, the LOS ANGELES TIMES, the SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS, the ASSOCIATED PRESS, FOX News, CNN, the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, the WICHITA EAGLE, the SYDNEY MORNING NEWS (Australia), the TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT, LAS VEGAS BUSINESS WEEK, MSN MONEY, the MAINICHI DAILY NEWS (Japan), the AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN, CBS MARKETWATCH, and INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY, as well as key trade and professional publications such as the WASHINGTON LEGAL TIMES, the TEXAS LAWYER, NATIONAL JOURNAL'S TECHNOLOGY DAILY, COMMUNICATIONS DAILY, COMMUNICATIONS WEEK INTERNATIONAL, TOTAL TELECOM, FAT PIPE MAGAZINE, LATIN AMERICAN TELECOM ADVISOR, RED NOVA, TELECOM POLICY REPORT, TELECOMWEB, MULTICHANNEL NEWS, AMERICA'S NETWORK, TELEPHONY and TELEPHONY ONLINE, TR STATE NEWSWIRE, TELECOM AM, the DAILY DEAL, COMPUTERWORLD BRASIL, IT WIRE AUSTRALIA, PUBLIC UTILITIES FORTNIGHTLY, DSL PRIME, WIRED NEWS, X-CHANGE MAGAZINE, PHONE+ MAGAZINE, and the AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE have quoted Mr. Spiwak as an expert or cited to his work.

Mr. Spiwak is also often asked to speak before, and counsel to, industry business leaders and domestic and foreign government officials. For example, in addition to hosting the Phoenix Center's various conferences and events, Mr. Spiwak has presented at such diversified forums as the Federal Communications Commission's Consumer Advisory Committee, the New Jersey

House of Delegates' Telecommunications Committee, the Pennsylvania Senate Committee on Communications and Technology, the Global Broadband Forum at George Washington University, Columbia University's Columbia Institute for Tele-Information (CITI), the Conservative Political Action Conference, Citizens Against Government Waste, Voice on the Net (VON), the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC), the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC), the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), ITFlorida, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), TelecomNext, the National Consumers League, Americans for Tax Reform, Northwind Professional Institute Annual Canadian Telecoms Symposium, Georgetown University, the International Astronautical Congress in Toulouse France, the Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações ("ANATEL" - the Brazilian telecommunications regulator), the American Chamber of Commerce Telecommunications Symposium in Sao Paulo Brasil, Center of Latin American Economic Studies in Telecommunications ("CELAET") - University of Campinas, Brasil, the United States Embassy - Vienna Austria, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and served as a Reporter at a Symposium sponsored by the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute (an arm of the European Union) on "Dispute Resolution and Dispute Prevention in the Transatlantic Partnership" in Florence Italy where his book - THE TELECOMS TRADE WAR: THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE WTO (Hart Publishing 2001 and co-authored with Phoenix Center Adjunct Fellow Mark Naftel) - was used as a case study and later reprinted in a complete volume by OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS. Finally, Mr. Spiwak was recently selected by the FCC's Chairman's Office to participate in a trip to Manila and Hanoi (planned for January 2007) as part of the State Department's Telecommunication Leadership Program (TLP) to lecture about universal service and rural broadband deployment.

Finally, in addition to his academic lecturing and publishing schedule, Mr. Spiwak expresses his views and analysis of current market developments as a frequent commentator in such major outlets as CNET.COM, the LEGAL TIMES, TOTAL TELECOM and UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL. Mr. Spiwak also has significant experience in dealing with Wall Street and private equity investors, having served as chief counsel for several multi-million dollar management buy-out attempts of technology companies and start-up firms over the years.

Prior to co-founding the Phoenix Center, Mr. Spiwak was a Senior Attorney with the Competition Division in the FCC's Office of General Counsel from 1994-1998. While with the Competition Division, Mr. Spiwak provided the Commission and its individual bureaus with legal and economic advice regarding domestic and international inter-exchange, local exchange, delivered video programming, broadcast, wireless and satellite policies. During his tenure with the Competition Division, Mr. Spiwak was responsible for, among other things, co-authoring the FCC's original 1994 Cable Competition Report, providing the primary legal and economic analysis for the FCC's landmark decision to de-regulate AT&T and - given his substantial public (Senior Attorney, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 1992-1994) and private sector experience in the electric utility industry (including serving as the vice-chair of the Federal Energy Bar Association's antitrust committee between 1993 and 1994) - for drafting the FCC's rules regarding public utility entry into telecommunications and information services markets. In addition, Mr. Spiwak was accepted into the Presidential Stay-In School program while in

college, where he was responsible for delivering classified and confidential material among senior White House and Reagan Administration officials and received a full FBI security clearance.

Mr. Spiwak received his B.A. with special honors from the George Washington University in 1986 (Special Honors, Middle Eastern Studies) and his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1989, where he was the international law editor of the Cardozo Moot Court Board and served on the National Moot Court Team.

Mr. Spiwak is a member in good standing of the bars of New York, Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Mr. Spiwak is a native of Washington, D.C. He, his wife and their daughter live in North Bethesda, MD.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

**The Hon. Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission**

Chairman Martin is a long-time friend of the Phoenix Center, and was the recipient of the Phoenix Center's Duvall Public Service Award in 2003.

Chairman Martin was nominated to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission by President George W. Bush on April 30, 2001, and was sworn in on July 3, 2001. He was designated chairman by President George W. Bush on March 18, 2005. Chairman Martin was re-nominated for a second term as commissioner and chairman by President George W. Bush on April 25, 2006 and was confirmed again this month.

Chairman Martin joined the Commission from the White House, where he served as a Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and was on the staff of the National Economic Council. In that capacity, he focused primarily on commerce and technology policy issues. He also served as the official U.S. government representative to the G-8's Digital Opportunity Task Force, a government, non-profit, and private sector task force created to identify ways in which the digital revolution can assure opportunities for developing countries.

Prior to joining the Bush Administration, Chairman Martin served as a principle technology and telecommunications advisor on the Bush-Cheney Transition team. He assumed this role after serving as the Deputy General Counsel to the Bush campaign in Austin, Texas from July 1999 through December 2000.

From 1997 to 1999, Chairman Martin served as a Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth, advising the Commissioner on telecommunications and broadband issues. Chairman Martin had previously served in the Office of the Independent Counsel following several years of work in private practice at the Washington, DC law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding. While at Wiley, Rein & Fielding, he worked on communications, legislative,

and appellate litigation matters. Before joining Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Martin was a law clerk for United States Court District Judge William M. Hoeveler in Miami, Florida.

Chairman Martin received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Honors and Distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While at Chapel Hill, Chairman Martin was elected Student Body President and President of the North Carolina Association of Student Governments. In addition, he also served on the University of North Carolina's Board of Trustees. Chairman Martin received a Masters in Public Policy from Duke University and a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School. Chairman Martin is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Federal Communications Bar Association.

Chairman Martin was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He currently resides in Washington, DC with his wife, Catherine Jurgensmeyer Martin, and their son, Luke.

#### **PANEL 1: ECONOMISTS PANEL - NET NEUTRALITY AND INDUSTRY STRUCTURE**

##### **Moderator:**

**Jerry Duvall, PhD**

**Chief Economist Emeritus, Phoenix Center**

**Chief Economist - International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission**

Jerry B. Duvall is the Phoenix Center's Chief Economist Emeritus, and the namesake of the Phoenix Center's annual Public Service Award.

Dr. Duvall currently serves as the Chief Economist of the FCC's International Bureau. Prior to this assignment, Dr. Duvall served as the Director of Media Economic Research in the Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington, D.C. His major responsibilities included directing the media economic research program within the Media Bureau and serving as general editor of the *Media Bureau Staff Research Paper Series*. He also served as a member of the Commission's Localism Task Force.

Before appointment to his current position in July, 2003, he served as Chief Economist of the Media Bureau. Prior to the formation of the Media Bureau in March, 2002, he served as Chief Economist of the Mass Media Bureau beginning in 1996. Prior to joining the Mass Media Bureau, he served as Senior Economist in the Competition Division of the FCC's Office of General Counsel from 1994-1996. Prior to these positions, he was Senior Economist at the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) from 1987 through 1993, where he directed studies on long term pricing policy and developed demand forecasting models for INTELSAT network traffic.

Prior to joining INTELSAT, Dr. Duvall was an independent consulting economist from 1983 to 1987. His consulting experience was preceded by earlier government service at the FCC during the late 1970s and early 1980s where, among other positions, he served as Special Assistant to Commissioner Anne P. Jones. Dr. Duvall has written various papers and co-

authored a book on telecommunications policy and has addressed many telecommunications industry conferences over the last 20 years.

Dr. Duvall received his M.A. and PhD in Economics from The American University in Washington, D.C.

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Charles Goldfarb  
Congressional Research Service  
Library of Congress**

Chuck Goldfarb, specialist in industrial organization and telecommunications policy at the Congressional Research Service, has been a public policy economist in the public and private sectors for more than 30 years. He began his career in 1974 performing antitrust analysis at the Federal Trade Commission. He then moved to the Federal Communications Commission, where he performed the economic analysis underlying the Commission's radio deregulation order and set up a small team that helped create low power television service. Chuck then joined the Office of Management and Budget where, among other projects, he helped develop the first system for the competitive provision of long distance service to the federal government. From 1986 to 1990, Chuck was an economic consultant, performing antitrust and regulatory analysis and appearing as an expert witness in federal and state courts and in front of state public utility commissions. He addressed competition issues in the yellow pages, payphone, and long distance markets. From 1990 to 2002, Chuck worked on a host of issues for MCI at both the state and federal level. As director for public policy, he coordinated all MCI witnesses in the myriad arbitration hearings in front of state commissions to implement the 1996 Telecommunications Act and developed MCI's proposal for reform of the universal service funding mechanism.

For the past three years, at CRS, Chuck has covered media and telecommunications issues for members of Congress. He has prepared a number of analytical reports on such issues as Telecom Act reform, inter-carrier compensation reform, media ownership rules, localism in broadcasting, and *a la carte* cable pricing.

**John Mayo, PhD  
Professor of Economics  
Georgetown University**

Professor Mayo teaches and conducts research in economics, business and public policy. His research interests lie in the areas of industrial organization, regulation and antitrust, and, more generally, the application of microeconomics to public policy. His research has appeared in numerous economics, law and public policy journals, including, the RAND JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS, the JOURNAL OF LAW AND ECONOMICS, the YALE JOURNAL ON REGULATION, the REVIEW OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS, the JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS, the JOURNAL OF BUSINESS, and the JOURNAL OF REGULATORY ECONOMICS. He is also co-author (with David L.

Kaserman) of a comprehensive text on GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS: THE ECONOMICS OF ANTITRUST AND REGULATION (The Dryden Press, 1995).

Prior to taking his appointment at Georgetown University, Professor Mayo taught graduate and undergraduate economics classes at several universities including Washington University, the University of Tennessee and Virginia Tech. He has also served as the Chief Economist, U.S. Senate Small Business Committee (Democratic Staff). Additionally, Professor Mayo has served as an advisor and consultant to both public and private agencies including the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, AT&T, MCI, Sprint, Enron, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Department of Energy, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In that capacity, Dr. Mayo has participated in a number of regulatory and antitrust proceedings and has testified before state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies on a number of matters, including monopolization, price fixing, mergers, and regulatory pricing policy.

Professor Mayo is a member of the American Economic Association, the Southern Economic Association, the Western Economic Association, and the Antitrust Law and Economics Association.

Professor Mayo received his B.A., Economics, Hendrix College, and his Masters and PhD in Economics from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Scott Wallsten**  
**Senior Fellow**  
**The Progress and Freedom Foundation**

Scott Wallsten is a senior fellow and director of communications policy studies at The Progress & Freedom Foundation. Before joining PFF he was a senior fellow at the AEI-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies and a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, an economist at The World Bank, a scholar at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, and a staff economist at the U.S. President's Council of Economic Advisers. His interests include industrial organization and public policy, and his research has focused on regulation, competition, privatization, and science and technology policy. His research has been published in numerous academic journals and his commentaries have appeared in newspapers throughout the world. He has a PhD in economics from Stanford University.

**George Ford, PhD**  
**Chief Economist**  
**The Phoenix Center**

George S. Ford a co-founder of the Phoenix Center and currently serves as its Chief Economist.

Dr. Ford is a prolific and noted scholar, and has published numerous papers in leading academic journals such as APPLIED ECONOMICS, the QUARTERLY REVIEW OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, JOURNAL OF REGULATORY ECONOMICS, KYKLOS, the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS LAW JOURNAL, COMMLAW CONSPECTUS, the JOURNAL OF LAW AND ECONOMICS, the JOURNAL OF

BUSINESS AND EMPIRICAL ECONOMICS, THE NYU JOURNAL OF LAW AND BUSINESS, HASTINGS COMMUNICATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE ECONOMICS OF BUSINESS, and the YALE JOURNAL OF REGULATION. Dr. Ford is ranked in the top 5% of authors listed overall with the Social Science Research Network (“SSRN”).

Prior to joining the Phoenix Center full time, Dr. Ford was the Chief Economist of Strategic Policy and Planning at Z-Tel Communications. Z-Tel was a start-up telecommunications provider headquartered in Tampa, Florida. Dr. Ford was responsible for performing and evaluating economic analyses pertaining to Z-Tel’s strategic plans and public policy positions. Prior to joining Z-Tel, Dr. Ford was Senior Economist at MCI-Worldcom and, prior to joining WorldCom, was a Senior Economist in the Federal Communications Commission’s Competition Division.

Dr. Ford received his Ph.D. in Economics from Auburn University where his research focused on the nature of competition in the cable television industry.

**PANEL 2: RURAL BROADBAND AND USF - HOW DO WE FIX THE “THIRD RAIL” OF AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS POLICY?**

**Moderator:**

**Hon. Debi Taylor Tate**  
**Commissioner**  
**Federal Communications Commission**

Deborah Taylor Tate was nominated by President George W. Bush on November 9, 2005, for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2007. She was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on December 21, 2005, and sworn in as FCC Commissioner on January 3, 2006. Among her many responsibilities, Commissioner Tate also serves as Chair of both the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Universal Service Joint Board) and the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations (Separations Joint Board).

At the time of her FCC appointment, Commissioner Tate, an attorney and Rule 31 Mediator, was serving a six-year term as a director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. In that position, she had been appointed by the Chairman of the FCC to the Federal-State Joint Board on Advanced Telecommunications Services. As a member of the national utilities association (NARUC), she served as Chairman of the Washington Action Committee, and on both Consumer Affairs and Gas Committees. Other national roles included the Editorial Advisory Board for KMB Video Journal, the American Public Gas Association Security and Integrity Foundation Board of Directors Advisory Board. She has been a frequent panelist on utilities issues.

In addition to being recognized by Tennessee Business as one of Tennessee’s “Most Powerful People” in 2004, she was also inducted as a Fellow, by the Nashville Bar Foundation, and elected to International Women of Tennessee. She has been honored by the Academy of

Pediatrics, numerous Mental Health organizations, an Athena award nominee, the Junior League and Philanthropist Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, and the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International.

Commissioner Tate formerly served as an attorney and senior policy advisor to former Governor Lamar Alexander and former Governor Don Sundquist. She specifically served as a senior mental health and juvenile justice policy advisor, was instrumental in the creation and implementation of a statewide plan establishing a Mental Health Revision Commission culminating in the passage of an entire new mental health law for Tennessee. A key component of Title 33 is a separate chapter regarding children and youth.

Commissioner Tate is the founder and former president of Renewal House, a recovery residence for women addicted to crack cocaine and their children. Her board service has included leadership positions on the boards of the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Family and Children's Services, Junior League of Nashville, Martha O'Bryan Center Foundation, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Tennessee Voices for Children, Tennessee Tomorrow, Inc., League of Women Voters and an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**Panelists:**

**Daniel Sepulveda**  
**Legislative Assistant**  
**Senator Barack Obama**

As a Legislative Assistant to United States Senator Barack Obama, Daniel manages telecommunications, technology, immigration, labor, aviation, trade, housing, and lobbying reform issues. In the four years before joining Senator Obama's office, Daniel worked for Senator Barbara Boxer managing technology, telecommunications, media regulation, and consumer affairs Commerce Committee responsibilities as well as her immigration and labor issues. Daniel also assisted Senator Boxer with her responsibilities as co-chair of the Democratic Technology and Innovation Working Group. Additional prior work experience includes service in the Clinton Administration in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor and advocacy at the nation's largest Latino organization, the National Council of La Raza (NCLR).

Mr. Sepulveda received a Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in Public Policy and International Affairs. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Emory University.

**Dennis Weller**  
**Chief Economist**  
**Verizon**

Dennis Weller is Chief Economist of Verizon. Mr. Weller did his graduate study in economics at Stanford University, and performed economic research at the Hoover Institution under grants from the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Weller began his career in

telecommunications at AT&T, where he developed the pricing strategy and new service offers with which AT&T responded to competition in long distance. As Chief Economist of GTE, Mr. Weller proposed new approaches to universal service, and negotiated an industry agreement which cut access charges in the United States in half. At Verizon, Mr. Weller is now focused on policies for next generation networks.

**Kathy Ham**  
**Managing Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs**  
**T-Mobile**

Kathleen Ham is a Managing Director at T-Mobile, USA, where she oversees the federal regulatory work of the company, including the recent Advance Wireless Services spectrum auction (where T-Mobile was the top bidder) and inter-carrier compensation and Universal Service issues pending at the FCC. Ms. Ham came to T-Mobile after fourteen years at the FCC where she served as Deputy Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and was the first Chief of the FCC's Spectrum Auctions Division. In addition, Ms. Ham served as Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy at the FCC. Ms. Ham is a graduate of Catholic University Law School, where she is also an adjunct professor of law. Ms. Ham earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado.

**Brian Adkins**  
**Director, Federal Legislative Affairs**  
**Embarq**

Brian Adkins represents Embarq, a Fortune 500 company that provides voice, high-speed Internet, wireless and entertainment services to more than 7 million subscribers in 18 states.

Prior to joining Embarq, Mr. Adkins served as legislative director for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), focusing on federalism and the evolving role of state regulation in the field of telecommunications. He was also legislative counsel to Congresswoman Jane Harman (D-CA), advising her on technology and economic issues, and director of government relations with the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), representing the world's leading high-tech companies on digital copyright and privacy issues.

Mr. Adkins began his legislative career as staff to Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR). Mr. Adkins has a J.D. from University of Maryland Law School and a BA from University of Maryland, College Park.

**PANEL 3: THE EMERGING VOIP REGULATORY REGIME**

**Moderator:**

**Thomas M. Koutsky**  
**Resident Scholar**  
**The Phoenix Center**

Thomas M. Koutsky is a co-founder of the Phoenix Center and currently serves as a Resident Scholar.

In addition to his Phoenix Center responsibilities, Mr. Koutsky was recently appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to Chair the North American Numbering Council (NANC), which provides advice and recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission and other governments (including Canada and Caribbean countries) on matters relating to the administration of numbering resources. NANC members include representatives from local exchange carriers (LECs), interexchange carriers, wireless providers, manufacturers, state regulators, consumer groups and telecommunications associations. Mr. Koutsky has published in such prestigious journals as the JOURNAL OF LAW AND ECONOMICS, and has papers coming out in both COMMLAW CONSPECTUS and the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS LAW JOURNAL over the next several months.

Prior to joining the Phoenix Center full time, Mr. Koutsky was Vice President—Law & Policy for Z-Tel Communications. In this position, he was responsible for formulating, articulating and executing Z-Tel’s regulatory and government affairs policy positions at the federal and state levels. Prior to joining Z-Tel, Mr. Koutsky was Assistant General Counsel for Covad Communications Company, a Silicon Valley start-up, for five years. At the time Mr. Koutsky joined Covad, it had just received its first round of early round financing from Intel and several venture capital firms. Covad ultimately raised billions of dollars, became the very first provider of Digital Subscriber Line broadband services, and created hundreds of jobs nationwide.

Mr. Koutsky began his telecommunications career as a Senior Attorney in the Competition Division at the Federal Communications Commission. In that capacity, Mr. Koutsky participated in key FCC decisions after the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including the FCC’s implementation of Sections 251 and 252, universal service and access reform, the first “wave” of RBOC mergers, and the first FCC “271” decisions relating to RBOC provision of interLATA services.

Mr. Koutsky received his J.D. with Honors from The University of Chicago Law School in 1991. In 1988, Mr. Koutsky received a B.A. with Highest University Honors from the University of Illinois.

**Panelists:**

**Earl Comstock  
CEO and President  
Comptel**

Earl Comstock is President and CEO of COMPTTEL. COMPTTEL was formed in March 2005 by the merger of COMPTTEL/ASCENT and the Association for Local Telecommunications Services (ALTS). With more than 350 members, COMPTTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive facilities-based telecommunications service providers, emerging VoIP providers, integrated communications companies, and their supplier partners. The association, based in Washington, D.C., includes companies of all sizes and profiles, from the largest next-generation network operators to small, entrepreneurial companies.

Prior to joining COMPTTEL in June, 2005, Mr. Comstock was a partner at Sher & Blackwell, heading up the firm's telecommunications practice and representing Internet service providers, backbone providers, wireless cable operators, competitive local exchange carriers, and others before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Executive Branch agencies.

Prior to joining Sher & Blackwell, Mr. Comstock spent 10 years working in the United States Senate. He served as a special counsel for telecommunications for the Senate Commerce Committee in 1995-1996, during which time he was one of the principal staff responsible for negotiating and drafting key provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. From 1992 to 1997 he was chief counsel and legislative director for Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and a senior Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee. During this period he participated in every major piece of communications legislation enacted by Congress, from the Cable Consumer Protection Act in 1992 through the Internet Tax Freedom Act in 1997-1998.

**James Bradford Ramsay  
General Counsel  
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners**

Mr. Ramsay is the General Counsel for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. NARUC was established in 1889 and is composed of the governmental agencies of the fifty states engaged in, *inter alia*, the regulation of telecommunications services.

As General Counsel, Mr. Ramsay manages the NARUC Policy Advocacy Department covering all policy, regulatory, and legislative matters. He is also responsible for addressing all association - related legal issues - both general law and regulatory.

During his 12 years with the association, Mr. Ramsay has always had first-chair responsibility for all the association's telecommunications litigation - related activity. This includes representing NARUC's positions (1) before the Federal Communications Commission, other federal agencies, and in the courts, and (2) in discussions with, *inter alia*, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the European Community, and various industry

associations. Mr. Ramsay also represents the association's interests in other forms, *e.g.*, serving as a member of both the Separations and Universal Service Federal-State Joint Board staffs, the Section 706 Federal State Joint Conference, and as NARUC's staff representative to the ATIS Network Reliability working groups.

Before joining NARUC, Mr. Ramsay acquired significant experience in public utility regulation as an associate with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Grove, Jaskiewicz, Gilliam and Colbert. Prior to private practice, Mr. Ramsay was employed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for three years as a rates attorney.

Mr. Ramsay received his B.S. in Chemistry in 1978 from Mississippi College, his J.D. in 1985 from Louisiana State University, and is licensed to practice (1) in both civilian and common law jurisdictions (including the District of Columbia and Louisiana) and (2) before the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and the bars of 10 of the 13 United States Courts of Appeal.

**Tom Navin**  
**Chief - Wireline Competition Bureau**  
**Federal Communications Commission**

Thomas J. Navin is Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau and principal adviser to the Commission on common carrier and Internet-related issues. In his role as Chief, Mr. Navin has been and is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on common carrier mergers, including those of AT&T/SBC, Verizon/MCI, and AT&T/BellSouth. He also is responsible for implementing national Broadband policies, including those that apply to Internet-based communications. Moreover, Mr. Navin oversees proceedings relating to inter-carrier compensation, and universal service policy for schools and libraries as well as rural telephone carriers. Previously, Mr. Navin served as Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competition Policy Division. As Chief of the Competition Policy Division, Mr. Navin managed implementation of certain key aspects of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including the Commission's UNE proceedings pursuant to section 251 and issues affecting Broadband policy such as VoIP. Before joining the FCC, Mr. Navin was an associate at McDermott, Will & Emery. Mr. Navin received a B.S. from Wake Forest University, and a J.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was an Executive Editor of the Virginia Journal of International Law.

**Robert Quinn**  
**Senior Vice President-Federal Regulatory**  
**AT&T Services, Inc.**

As AT&T's Senior Vice President-Federal Regulatory, Robert W. Quinn, Jr. is responsible for regulatory matters affecting AT&T and its affiliates pending before the Federal Communications Commission as well as the coordination and support of regulatory and external affairs activities throughout AT&T's regional operations.

Prior to being appointed to his current position on February 1, 2006, Mr. Quinn served as Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs for AT&T in Washington, DC where he represented

AT&T before the Federal Communications Commission and the United States Department of Justice since 1997. Before becoming AT&T's Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs in 1997, Mr. Quinn served as senior regional attorney for AT&T in Chicago, Illinois representing AT&T before various state public utilities commissions in the Midwest. Prior to joining AT&T, Mr. Quinn spent five years as a trial litigator with the Chicago firm Mayer, Brown & Platt (now Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw).

An Illinois native, Mr. Quinn graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in English. He also received his J.D. with Honors from DePaul University in Chicago where he served as Managing Editor of Lead Articles for the DePaul Law Review.

Mr. Quinn resides in Darnestown, Maryland with his wife, Anne and their three children.

### LUNCHEON AND AWARD CEREMONY

Each year, the Duvall Award goes to the policy-maker who most demonstrates the political courage to break away from the conventional rhetoric and instead approaches the complex competitive issues raised by telecoms restructuring with the solemnity and analytical rigor they deserve.

Prior recipients of the Duvall Award include Congressman Chris Cannon, Senator Byron Dorgan, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, Congressman John Conyers, and FCC Commissioner Michael Copps.

This year, the Phoenix Center is extremely proud to bestow its prestigious 2006 Jerry B. Duvall Award for Public Service upon the Hon. Fabian Núñez – the Speaker of the California State Assembly – at this year’s Symposium for his leadership in passing legislation to encourage cable television competition and broadband deployment in California.

Speaker Fabian Núñez (D- 46th District) was elected to the California State Assembly in 2002 and sworn in as the State’s 66th Speaker on February 9, 2004.

As Speaker, he has worked with Republicans to craft bipartisan budgets that are on-time, balanced, and “lean but not mean.” This year, he presided over what the San Francisco Chronicle called “...one of the most productive legislative sessions in decades.” (8/31/06)

In a story titled “Power Reclaimed”, the August 2006 edition of Governing Magazine said about Speaker Núñez “... [he] ... is drawing comparisons with legendary Speaker Jesse Unruh, most crucially for his clear belief that the speakership is about forging alliances and getting things done.”

Prior to being elected to the Assembly, from 2000-2002, Núñez was government affairs director for the Los Angeles Unified School District. In this capacity, he tackled a broad range of education issues and secured millions in funding for school construction projects, children’s health insurance, and low-performing schools.

From 1996 to 2000, he served as political director for the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

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