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**IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO INTRODUCE
DICK WILEY, THE MANAGING PARTNER IN A LARGE
PRESTIGIOUS LAW FIRM AND THE INITIATING FATHER
OF HDTV FOR HIS MOST TIMELY ADDRESS TODAY TO
THE COMMUNICATION AND LAW STUDENTS AT
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.**

**AS YOU KNOW, HDTV OR DIGITAL BROADCASTING, THE
EXCITING ^{new} ~~NEW~~ IMPROVED VIDEO AND AUDIO SERVICE,
IS BEING LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER BY VOLUNTEER TV
STATIONS.**

**DICK DEVOTED EIGHT VOLUNTARY PRO-BONO (LEGAL
TERM FOR FREE WITHOUT PAY) PIONEERING YEARS TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF HDTV AS CHAIRMAN, 1987 TO**

1997 OF THE ALL-IMPORTANT FCC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED TV SERVICE. THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS PLAYED THE KEY ROLE IN THE LAUNCHING OF HDTV AND DIGITAL TV.

SO WE ARE INDEED FORTUNATE IN HAVING HIM WITH US TODAY—EVEN THO HE IS A NORTHWESTERN ALUM,BUT UNFORTUNATELY BUT I HOPE WISELY, CANNOT STAY FOR THE GAME.

HE IS A FORMER DISTINGUISHED FCC CHAIRMAN, THE MOST EFFECTIVE CONSENSUS BUILDER OF THE SIX DIFFERENT CHAIRMAN I SERVED WITH IN MY 23 ½ YEARS OF FCC SERVICE. HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OFFICE WERE POSSIBLY MATCHED BY ONLY ONE OTHER CHAIRMAN—AN UPSTART 1 YEAR INTERIM CHAIRMAN IN 1993 (ME?)

DICK IS ALSO THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE
F.C.B.A. AND A BROADCASTING-CABLE HALL OF FAMER.
HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED A OR RATHER I SHOULD
SAY THE LEADING COMMUNICATIONS LAWYER IN
WASHINGTON—THAT TRANSLATES INTO THE NATION.

SO THIS IS NOT EXACTLY THE TIME FOR ME, A
NON-LAWYER, TO INDULGE IN ANY OF THE AMUSING
ANTI-LAWYER JOKES I USED IN THE PAST.

AFTER SURVIVING 23 ½ YEARS OF LEGAL
ONSLAUGHTS AT THE FCC IN A 400 PLUS FCC LAWYER
UNIVERSE, I ONCE WISECRACKED, “HEAR NO EVIL, SEE
NO EVIL AND SPEAK NO EVIL”, YOU BECOME A
DEFENSELESS INEFFECTIVE LAWYER. BUT IT DOESN'T
APPLY TO DICK.

HE IS WHAT SOME OF US SO-CALLED WISE GUYS
CALL AN OXYMORON—A VERY EFFECTIVE LAWYER
WHO IS PERSONALLY A NICE GUY, AN EXEMPLARY
CITIZEN, A POSITIVE ETHICAL INFLUENCE AND,
INCIDENTALLY WHOSE LEGAL INTERNS WORK, NOT
PLAY.

SO I'M REALLY PLEASED TO PRESENT A
DISTINGUISHED COMMUNICATIONS LEADER, A
LEGENDARY LEGAL RAINMAKER, MY LONGTIME
TOLERANT TENNIS PARTNER, A GREAT FRIEND WHO
CANCELLED AN IMPORTANT CLIENT MEETING TO BE
WITH US TODAY, DICK WILEY.