

Salute to the FCBA's Celebration of the 70th Anniversary
of the Communications Act

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It is most appropriate for the FCBA to celebrate the 70th year anniversary of the original Communications Act.

Through the years, FCBA members played a major role in framing, implementing, challenging and improving provisions of the Act. In the process, FCBA members continually updated provisions of the Act and made a vital contribution to the amazing phenomenal advancement of communications in America in the past 70 years. (Minor incidental point: I have been active in communications for most of the 70 years. In 1934, I was a newscaster on station WKAR, Michigan State University 5000 watt radio station. I stress this point as a senior fugitive from the actuarial tables.)

As a non-lawyer, longtime commissioner and part-time chairman, I admired and benefited from the legal expertise of your members. I owe a particular vote of thanks to the FCBA for providing me with the best legal advisers and bureau chiefs in FCC history – too many to list here, but they would read like a legal communications Who's Who. Many have served and are serving in key FCBA and FCC positions.

So - heartfelt thanks to all my super former FCC associates and a robust salute to the FCBA for this momentous celebration of the Act it progressively served with distinction to make a major contribution to the overall advancement of communications in America.

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A robust salute to the FCBA's 70 years of expert legal services to the communications industries! In the process, FCBA members made a vital contribution to the progressive advancement of communications in America.

As a non-lawyer longtime FCC commissioner and part-time Chairman, I owe a particular vote of thanks to the FCBA, which provided me with the best group of bureau chiefs, legal advisers and interns in FCC history! Too many illustrious names to list here, but they would read like a legal communications who's who. Many have served and are serving in key FCBA leadership positions.

So specific heartfelt thanks to all my expert former FCC associates and appreciative congratulations to the entire FCBA for 70 years of progressive achievement and distinguished service to communications in America.