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COMMISSIONER TRISTANI ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES

Washington DC – FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani has announced the following changes to her personal staff.

Senior Legal Advisor William J. Friedman IV and Legal Advisor Sarah Whitesell will depart in June. Former advisors Paul Gallant and Deena Shetler will re-join the Commissioner's staff. Gallant will serve as Legal Advisor for mass media and cable issues, and Shetler will serve as Legal Advisor for common carrier issues. Adam Krinsky, who covers wireless and international issues for the Commissioner, will assume the responsibilities of Senior Legal Advisor.

“Both Jay and Sarah have done extraordinary work in this office,” Tristani said. “I thank them for their dedication to the public interest, and I’ll miss their wise counsel.”

“At the same time, I am very fortunate to assemble a new team of top-notch lawyers with familiar faces. Paul and Deena have outstanding legal skills, and they will hit the ground running. In addition, I am very pleased that Adam has agreed to serve as Senior Legal Advisor.”

Friedman, who will depart on June 8, has been selected as one of the two Senior Fellows in Duke Law School's Program in Intellectual Property, Public Interest and the Public Domain. The Fellowship Program is supported by the Ford Foundation and the Center for the Public Domain.

Whitesell, who has served for over two years as Commissioner Tristani's legal advisor, will be joining the Cable Services Bureau as Associate Bureau Chief on June 21. In the Bureau, she will be responsible for broadband and other issues.

Gallant previously served as Commissioner Tristani's Legal Advisor for common carrier matters from 1997-1999. After leaving the Commission in 1999, he served as Senior Policy Counsel at Qwest Communications. He joins the Commission from BroadBand Office, Inc., where he served as Senior Counsel. Prior to joining the Commissioner's staff in 1997, he was a Legal Advisor to Commissioner James Quello. Gallant has also held positions in the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, Cable

Services Bureau, and Office of General Counsel. He graduated from Georgetown University and received his law degree from Catholic University Law School.

Shetler previously served as Commissioner Tristani's Legal Advisor for common carrier issues on a detail from August 2000 to February 2001. Prior to that assignment, she served as Legal Counsel to the Common Carrier Bureau Chief and as an Attorney-Advisor and Team Leader in the Enforcement Division of the Common Carrier Bureau. Before joining the FCC, she was an associate at the law firm of Howrey and Simon. Shetler received her law degree from the University of California Los Angeles School of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of California San Diego.

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