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## **FCC COMMISSIONER ADELSTEIN ANNOUNCES STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Washington – Federal Communications Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein today announced that Lisa M. Zaina will become his Senior Legal Advisor and wireline competition advisor. Adelstein also announced the appointment of three interim legal advisors: Eric Einhorn for wireline competition, Barry Ohlson for spectrum and international and Sarah Whitesell for media, and Kevin Venters as Staff Assistant. He said Katherine Lapin is joining his permanent staff as Confidential Assistant.

Adelstein said, “I’m delighted that Lisa Zaina will be joining my staff as my Senior Legal Advisor. Her more than 15 years in the industry has given her a unique understanding of the impact of the Federal Communications Commission’s actions on every American household.”

He said, “I’m also pleased that Eric Einhorn, Barry Ohlson and Sarah Whitesell have agreed to serve as interim legal advisors. All three are extremely talented attorneys with a wealth of experience that will prove invaluable in getting a running start at the Commission.”

### LISA ZAINA

Zaina, Senior Legal Advisor, was most recently Vice President for Industry and Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Secretary of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (“Shentel”) in Edinburg, VA. Prior to joining Shentel, she served as Senior Vice President for Wallman Strategic Consulting, LLC. She also served as Senior Counsel and Deputy Bureau Chief for the Federal Communications Commission’s Common Carrier Bureau (now the Wireline Competition Bureau).

For ten years prior to joining the Commission, Zaina was Vice President and General Counsel of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO). She began her career as Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Zaina has also served as an adjunct professor for the Georgetown University Law Center and is a former outside director on the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Board of Directors.

Zaina received her J.D. from the Wake Forest University School of Law and her B.A. in Psychology and Pre-medicine from the University of Notre Dame.

## ERIC EINHORN

Eric Einhorn, interim legal advisor for wireline competition, is currently Acting Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, a position he has held since July of this year. Prior to that position he was Deputy Division Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, and an Attorney Advisor in the Policy and Program Planning Division of the predecessor Common Carrier Bureau.

Before joining the FCC in January 1999, Mr. Einhorn was an associate at Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP in Washington, D.C. and Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York City. After graduation from law school, Einhorn served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Roger G. Strand of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. Einhorn received his J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School and his B.S. from Cornell University.

## BARRY OHLSON

Barry Ohlson, interim legal advisor for spectrum and international, is currently the Chief of the Policy Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, a position he has held since May 2002. Prior to that position, Ohlson had been a Legal Advisor to the Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau since July 2001.

Before joining the Commission, Ohlson was Senior Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs at Winstar Communications, Inc. In that position, he was responsible for spectrum and related matters. Prior to working at Winstar, Ohlson was an Associate at McDermott, Will & Emery and an Associate at Keller and Heckman both in Washington, D.C. Ohlson received his J.D. from George Washington University and his B.A. from the College of William and Mary.

## SARAH WHITESELL

Sarah Whitesell, interim advisor for media issues, has been the Associate Chief of the Media Bureau and its predecessor, the Cable Services Bureau, since June 21, 2001. Prior to that position, she had been legal advisor on common carrier issues for Commissioner Tristani. Whitesell also served as an advisor in the Telecommunications Division of the International Bureau and in the Policy Division of the Common Carrier Bureau. She also was an attorney on the Telecommunications Task Force of the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department.

Prior to her government service, Whitesell was an associate at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. She has taught telecommunications law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and legal writing as an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School. Whitesell was a law clerk to the Honorable Jane R. Roth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She received her J.D. from the Yale Law School and her B.A. from Davidson College.

KATHERINE LAPIN

Katherine Lapin will serve as Confidential Assistant to Commissioner Adelstein. Lapin was the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior from November 1999-January 2001. Prior to that position she served as a Confidential Assistant to Commissioner John E. Tull of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from January 1994 through April of 1999.

Before joining the government, Lapin held a number of positions at Winston & Strawn in Washington, DC. Lapin received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College.

KEVIN VENTERS

Kevin J. Venters will be the Staff Assistant to Commissioner Adelstein. Venters is currently a Receptionist/Staff Assistant in the Office of the Chairman, most recently working as Staff Assistant to the Chairman's Senior Legal advisor. Prior to this position, Venters worked as an assistant to the Chief of Staff to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs at the Justice Department from 1999-2001.

Before joining the Department of Justice, Venters worked as the assistant to the Director of School Home Partnership and School-Based Management at the Department of Defense. He is a graduate of Prince George's County Community College.

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