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## **FCC COMMISSIONER ADELSTEIN ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES**

Washington, DC --FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein announced several staffing changes today. He announced that Barry Ohlson will be his permanent Wireless Legal Advisor, and that Johanna Mikes will be his permanent Media Advisor, effective March 31, replacing Sarah Whitesell, who has served as interim Media Advisor since the Commissioner took office in December.

Ohlson has worked with Commissioner Adelstein since the Commissioner was sworn in last December, and he will continue to advise the Commissioner on spectrum, technology, and international issues. Commissioner Adelstein stated, "I am so pleased that Barry has agreed to serve as a permanent advisor. I highly value his insights and professionalism and am glad to include him in my permanent staff."

Prior to joining the Commissioner's office, Ohlson was Chief of the Policy Division in the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. He also has served as a Legal Advisor to the Wireless Bureau Chief and as acting Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Prior to joining the Commission, Ohlson spent four years at Winstar Communications, Inc as Senior Director for Federal Regulatory Affairs, in addition to serving as an associate at the law firms of McDermott, Will & Emery and at Keller and Heckman. Ohlson holds a J.D. from George Washington University and a B.A. from the College of William and Mary.

Commissioner Adelstein said, "Sarah Whitesell has been an invaluable asset to me since I joined the Commission. Although I understand why she has chosen to return to the Media Bureau, I am grateful for her counsel and insights in this incredibly important policy area."

Adelstein continued: "I'm delighted that Johanna Mikes will be joining my staff. Her enthusiasm, intellect and experience will prove invaluable in the media policy challenges to come."

Mikes most recently has been Legislative Counsel for US Representative Rick Boucher, advising him on communications and intellectual property issues before the House Energy and Commerce and House Judiciary Committees, and assisting him in co-chairing the Congressional Internet Caucus.

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Prior to joining the Congressman, Mikes served as Attorney Advisor in the Policy and Program Planning Division of the Federal Communications Commission's Common Carrier Bureau (now the Wireline Competition Bureau).

Before joining the Commission, Mikes was an associate at Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C., specializing in communications law. She also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She received her J.D. *magna cum laude* from the Georgetown University Law Center, and a B.S. in Business Administration *summa cum laude* from Georgetown University.

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