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## **FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL POWELL ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO APPOINT BRYAN TRAMONT AS FCC CHIEF OF STAFF**

WASHINGTON – FCC Chairman Michael Powell today announced his intention to appoint Bryan Tramont as the agency's Chief of Staff.

Tramont is currently serving as Powell's Senior Legal Advisor, advising him generally on FCC agenda and circulate issues, and specifically on wireless, international, technology, and consumer issues. Tramont also served as Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy and Harold Furchtgott-Roth.

Tramont replaces Marsha MacBride, who had served in the position since Powell became chairman in 2001, and who announced on Monday she was stepping down as Chief of Staff.

Powell said, "I am delighted to have someone with the substantive knowledge and FCC issue experience of Bryan Tramont to serve as FCC Chief of Staff. He has been a valuable advisor to me, and previously to two other FCC Commissioners. He will be a tremendous asset in helping us work with the other Commissioner offices and advance our policy goals in the months ahead on the many significant issues and proceedings that the FCC will be taking up."

Tramont said, "'Marsha MacBride will be tremendously missed as a leader, mentor and friend. It is a true honor and an extraordinary opportunity to be tapped as her successor. I look forward to working cooperatively with the other Commissioners' offices and the remarkably talented FCC staff to continue to advance the Chairman's agenda."

Before joining the FCC, Tramont was an attorney with the law firm of Wiley Rein and Fielding. He also clerked for the Honorable Duane Benton on the Supreme Court for his home state of Missouri. Tramont currently is an adjunct law professor at The Catholic University of America. In addition, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Federal Communications Bar Association, and was awarded the organization's Distinguished Service Award. He is a graduate of the George Washington University and the Yale Law School.

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