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COMMISSIONER TATE ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

Today, Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate announced that Amy Blankenship will serve as one of her legal advisors on children, family and media issues.

“She will continue her commitment to helping shape sound public policy along with her deep commitment to public service.” said Commissioner Tate. “I welcome her counsel and experience in working with many industry sectors regarding important issues that confront children and families every day.”

Ms. Blankenship most recently served as Counsel to Senator Sam Brownback on the Senate Judiciary Committee. While in that position, she participated in the confirmation hearings of two Supreme Court Justices, and oversaw legislation dealing with a variety of cultural and Constitutional issues. She also advised on Commerce Committee legislation, including oversight of the passage of the Broadcast Decency Act of 2005. Prior to joining Senator Brownback’s staff, Ms. Blankenship worked for Senator Jeff Sessions, providing counsel on judicial nominations and crime legislation.

Ms. Blankenship received her B.S. summa cum laude from Auburn University, and her J.D. from University of Alabama School of Law.

Bill Freedman, who has been detailed to the Tate office from the Media Bureau, will be returning and serve as Associate Chief of the Media Bureau. Commissioner Tate expressed her appreciation for Bill’s service:

“I, along with the entire Commission, have benefited from Bill’s in-depth subject matter knowledge and years of real-world experience over the past several months. I am gratified for his assistance to me and look forward to working with him in the future.”