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## **FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI NAMES ZACHARY KATZ AS CHIEF COUNSEL; SHERRESE SMITH AS SENIOR COUNSEL & LEGAL ADVISOR; AND AMY LEVINE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL & LEGAL ADVISOR**

Washington, D.C. – FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski announced today the appointment of Zachary Katz as Chief Counsel & Senior Legal Advisor. Mr. Katz will succeed Rick Kaplan, who recently became Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. As Chief Counsel, Mr. Katz will manage the Commission’s overall policy agenda, and will be responsible for policy coordination among the Bureaus and Offices. In addition, he will continue to have specific responsibility for wireline, international and Internet issues, including universal service reform, Open Internet, and satellite matters.

In addition, Chairman Genachowski announced that Sherrese Smith, currently a Legal Advisor, will also become Senior Counsel; and Amy Levine, currently Special Counsel, will also take on a new role as a Legal Advisor. In her role as Senior Counsel & Legal Advisor, Ms. Smith will oversee the Media, Consumer, and Enforcement bureaus. Ms. Levine will take on new responsibilities overseeing the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering & Technology, adding to her portfolio that currently includes spectrum auction policy and public safety issues.

**Chairman Genachowski said**, “I am delighted that these outstanding professionals will take on new roles and responsibilities as we continue advancing the Commission’s vital agenda to generate jobs, innovation and economic growth on behalf of the American people. Each of them brings unique, deep and diverse strengths to our work. I look forward to relying on each of them, as well as the other senior members of our strong team.”

**Mr. Katz** currently serves as a Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski after serving as Deputy Chief of the Commission’s Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis. He joined the FCC in 2009 from the White House Counsel’s Office and previously practiced law at Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles, focusing on transactional and litigation matters involving intellectual property. Mr. Katz served as a law clerk for the Honorable Kim M. Wardlaw of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit after receiving his law degree from Yale, where he was Editor-in-Chief of *The Yale Law Journal* and active in the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization. Before law school he worked with technology companies at a strategy consulting and investment firm in Silicon Valley.

**Ms. Smith** currently serves as a Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski. Prior to that appointment, she was most recently Vice President and General Counsel of Washington Post Digital. Before that, Ms. Smith was a member of the Intellectual Property group at Arnold and Porter. She currently serves on the board of the ABA’s Forum for Communications Law, has served on the board of the Media Law Resource Center Institute and was a co-chair of the Copyright Committee of the ABA. Ms. Smith is a frequent lecturer on media, publishing, internet and intellectual property issues and is a faculty member for the Practicing Law Institute.

**Ms. Levine** currently serves as a Special Counsel to the Chairman with a focus on matters concerning public safety, spectrum and accessibility, including spectrum auction policy; creation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network; and deployment of E911 and NG911 technologies. Ms. Levine most recently served as principal communications policy advisor to Congressman Rick Boucher, former Chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, and Congressman John Dingell, former Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, in the U.S. House of Representatives. Previously, she was Legislative Counsel to Senator Claire McCaskill and practiced law at Covington & Burling in the firm's communications and media law group. Ms. Levine clerked for Chief Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in the Northern District of Texas.

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