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Speakers:

Kevin Green, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, FirstNet

Kevin Green is an attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel at the U.S. Department of Commerce's First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), where he has worked since June 2014. He focuses much of his time on providing legal advice and support to the FirstNet Consultation, State Plans, Outreach, and Government Affairs teams. Kevin brings over 16 years of experience providing legal counsel on a wide array of issues. He previously worked as an attorney at the international law firm Arnold & Porter LLP, where his practice included advising clients on federal, state, and local regulatory, legislative, and policy matters.

Justin Shore, Senior Counsel, Government Affairs

Justin Shore is Senior Counsel, Government Affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce's First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) where he is responsible for helping to craft the organization's state and federal strategy and establishing relationships to advocate for FirstNet before its federal, state, and local stakeholders. Justin came to FirstNet most recently having worked as a corporate and regulatory in-house attorney for a publicly traded technology and customer care company. He previously worked at the Brookings Institution and has experience in both houses of Congress.

Barry Fraser has served as General Manager for the San Francisco Bay Area Interoperable Regional Communications Systems Authority (BayRICS) since it was established in August 2011. Barry is responsible for planning and coordination of advanced public safety communications systems across seven Bay Area counties, including regional planning to launch the FirstNet nationwide public safety broadband network. From 2007-2011, Barry worked for the City and County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management and Department of Technology, where his primary focus was broadband deployment and adoption, including public safety wireless broadband. From 1998-2007 Barry worked for the County of San Diego as cable franchise administrator.

Barry is a member of the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) where he currently chairs the PSAC's Local Control task group. He has also served on various PSAC task groups and participates on broadband working groups for several national associations. Barry served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) from 2008-2011, and currently Chairs NATOA's Public Safety-Homeland Security Committee.

Barry holds a JD degree from the University of San Diego School Of Law and is an active member of the California Bar.

Gerard Lavery Lederer is a partner in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Municipal Law practice group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Prior to joining the firm in 2011, he was an attorney with Miller & Van Eaton, a nationally-recognized telecommunications law firm.

Since arriving in Washington, D.C. in 1985 as the City of Philadelphia's Washington advocate, Mr. Lederer has served as Washington legislative counsel to a number of local governments and agencies, including as lead advocate for local governments on infrastructure issues as the general counsel of the United States Conference of Mayors. He is currently lead Washington advocate for the City of Laredo, Texas and TeleCommUnity. TeleCommUnity is a collection of local governments dedicated to ensuring local rights in federal telecommunications legislative activity. Lederer is a well-known advocate for public and private property owners regarding issues of law and policy arising from federal and state communications legislation and regulation

Mr. Lederer received his law degree, with honors, from Temple University School of Law and his undergraduate degree, also with honors, from Haverford College. Prior to his career in Washington, he served as the chief deputy city commissioner for the City of Philadelphia. This position oversees the city's voter registration and election day.

Ken Fellman is a partner in the Denver law firm of Kissinger & Fellman, P.C. His practice emphasizes local government representation, particularly telecommunications, utilities and general local government law. Ken has represented local governments, non-profit organizations and governmental associations nationwide in connection with cable television franchising, deployment of community broadband networks, tower and antenna siting, rights of way management, public safety communications issues, communications service contracts, and gas and electric utility franchising. He also works with local governments in connection with telecommunications and utility related litigation and administrative proceedings before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Public Utilities Commission.

Clients include the Colorado Communications & Utility Alliance, a statewide organization of local governments, and the Colorado Government Association of Information Technology. Ken provides communications and broadband consulting services to state chapters of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) in Colorado, Washington and New Jersey, and has worked for the Colorado Municipal League, the Association of Washington Cities, the Association of Idaho Cities and the National League of Cities. In his general municipal government practice, he has served as a city, town and county attorney in multiple Colorado jurisdictions. An adjunct professor at the University Of Colorado College Of Law, he periodically teaches Telecommunications Law and Policy.

Ken served as Mayor of Arvada, Colorado from 1999–2007, and as an at large member of City Council from 1993–1999. He received the Pioneer Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce in 2011, recognizing exemplary contributions to the community over an extended period of time. In 2004 during Arvada's centennial celebration, Ken was chosen as one of the 100 most influential citizens in the City's history. Ken has been named eight times (including the past seven years) as one of Law & Politics' Colorado Super Lawyers, a list that represents the top 5 percent of Colorado attorneys. He has also been recognized by 5280 Magazine as a Top Lawyer in Communications, Technology and Media Law in 2014-2016 and a top attorney in municipal law by Best Lawyers in 2016.

Appointed in 2011, Ken currently serves as a member of the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Previously, he served as chair of the FCC's Local and State Government Advisory Committee from 1997-2003. He has testified on telecommunications matters

before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, and the Colorado General Assembly. Ken has also served as chair of the National League of Cities Information, Technology and Communications Steering Committee, and as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation and Communications Committee. In his spare time, Ken enjoys playing the guitar, and while he has occasionally joined friends and colleagues in public performances, he is often advised to keep his day job.

Outside of his law practice Ken serves as the Board President of the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, and on the Board of Trustees of Congregation Emanuel in Denver. He and his wife Jill have two grown children.

Ken received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1978 from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and his law degree in 1981 from the University Of Denver Sturm College Of Law. He can be contacted at (303) 320-6100; facsimile: (303) 327-8601; e-mail: kfellman@kandf.com; Twitter: @kenfellman. Ken's publications and public presentations can be found under the "[News and Resources](#)".

Michael J. Watza is Co-Chair of the Governmental and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups at Kitch, a full service Law firm based in Detroit, with offices in Lansing, Marquette, Mt. Clemens, Chicago, Ill. and Toledo, OH.

Mr. Watza's practice provides litigated, legislative and regulatory solutions on behalf of municipal, health care and private sector clients concerning legislation, Complex Litigation, Governance Issues, Telecommunications including Cable and Cell Towers, Energy and Insurance.

Michael has managed multiple legislative initiatives, represented clients in State and Federal trial and appellate courts across Michigan as well as attended to regulatory matters before the Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Tax Tribunal, Department of Labor and Economic Growth and the FCC and US DOT/PHSMA.

Michael has represented clients in the halls of the Michigan Legislature and Congress through negotiation, drafting and testimony regarding legislation on various issues including energy, transmission line siting, telecommunications (cable and cell towers), pipeline regulation, the formation of inter-governmental authorities and tort reform.

Michael also serves as General Counsel to PROTEC and the Mobile Technology Association of Michigan, Special Projects Counsel to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, and Board member to the Michigan Gaming Control Board, Covenant House Central School Board in Detroit, Chairman of the Novi EDC, Chairman of Attorney Grievance Commission Grievance Panel #9, Immediate Past Chairman of the Administrative Law Section of the State Bar and Vice Chair of the Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar and Chairman of the International Municipal Lawyers Technology Committee.

Michael is an adjunct faculty member at Michigan State University College of Law teaching Communications Law & Policy and Ethics and the Practice of Law.

In 2008, Michael successfully opposed Comcast's effort to move PEG channels to 900 digital channel range.

Since 2013, Michael is actively providing the legal components to the development of the 1st new Municipal Fiber to the home and business (FTTH) projects in Sebewaing, Marshall and several other communities across Michigan, as well as leading the defense of Rts of Way in the current DAS Siting Issues across Michigan.