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Speakers' Biographies

The Honorable Ajit Pai is a Commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He was nominated to FCC by President Barack Obama and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on May 7, 2012. Prior to his nomination, Commissioner Pai served as Chief Counsel to the US Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights, as well as Deputy Counsel to Senate Judiciary's Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Commissioner Pai also served in numerous roles in FCC's General Counsel's office from 2007 to 2011, and also was a partner with Jenner & Block LLP, 2011-2012.

Harold Furchtgott-Roth is Director of the Center for the Economics of the Internet at the Hudson Institute. He also founded Furchtgott-Roth Economic Enterprises in 2003. Mr. Furchtgott-Roth was confirmed as an FCC Commissioner in 1997 and served in that role until 2001. He is the only economist to have ever served at FCC in that capacity. Prior to his nomination, Mr. Furchtgott-Roth was the Chief Economist on the House of Representatives Committee on Commerce. He is a member of WLF's Legal Policy Advisory Board.

Brett A. Shumate is a Partner with Wiley Rein LLP in its Washington, DC office. Mr. Shumate focuses on administrative law and appellate litigation. He previously was a law clerk to Judge Edith Jones of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Shumate has significant experience handling cases involving Title II common carrier, satellite, wireless, cable, and Internet issues under the Communications Act. In 2016, he represented one of the petitioners in *US Telecom v. FCC* before the DC Circuit seeking the invalidation of FCC's "Open Internet" rules.

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