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Matt Ames

Attorney

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Matt Ames, a member of the law firm of Hubacher Ames & Taylor, PLLC, specializes in cable and telecommunications law, representing private property owners and local governments in regulatory matters and contract negotiations involving access to rights-of-way and private buildings. Ames assists developers, owners and managers of residential and commercial multi-unit properties, REITs, condominium developers, single family developers, condominium associations, and homeowners associations in negotiating and drafting service contracts, marketing agreements, and right-of-entry documents. He also drafts and negotiates DAS agreements, rooftop antenna agreements, and site licenses with wireless companies. Since the 1990s, Ames has represented the interests of the real estate industry in a series of proceedings at the FCC dealing with access to property, including over-the-air reception devices, competitive networks, and exclusive access proceedings, and subsequent appeals. He is currently counsel to several real estate trade associations in the pending multiple tenant environment proceeding. Before attending law school, Ames served in the United States Army. He received his B.S. in 1980 from the College of William and Mary and his law degree, cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987. He is admitted to practice law in Virginia and the District of Columbia.



David Barron

CEO

Next Level Networks

David Barron is the CEO of Next Level Networks, a Silicon Valley company that has pioneered a disruptive approach to funding, building and operating ultra-high-speed fiber broadband networks. Next Level Networks works with HOAs, building owners, real estate developers and cooperatives to design, install and operate FTTP networks as a turnkey solution to deliver multi-gigabit service as a community amenity or opt-in service. Barron has been leading emerging technology and product commercialization efforts for more than three decades in the telecommunications, computer and media industries for companies such as Apple, AT&T (formerly SBC Communications), Disney, Microsoft and Motorola. Barron was most recently Head of Corporate & Business Development at CableLabs, where he created and managed partnerships with startups, investment/VC firms and universities to identify innovative technologies and funnel them into CableLabs' R&D efforts and cable company operations worldwide. He earned a J.D from Chicago-Kent College of Law, an MBA from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Marketing and Computer Science from Ithaca College.



Jordana Barton-Garcia, MPA

Principal

Barton-Garcia Advisors

Jordana Barton-García is principal of the social enterprise, Barton-García Advisors. She serves healthcare organizations, local governments, nonprofits, schools/universities, philanthropy, financial institutions, and internet service providers to strategically expand broadband infrastructure and digital inclusion in underserved rural and urban areas. Her work helps organizations and communities achieve full participation in the digital economy and promotes economic development, health equity, telehealth, workforce development, educational equity, access to financial services, and entrepreneurship.

She had most recently served as vice president of community investments at Methodist Healthcare Ministries, where she oversaw the organization's strategic grant-making and grant-seeking processes. Her leadership was critical in ensuring Methodist Healthcare Ministries' philanthropic and community development practices that supported its commitment to health equity — reducing the inequities inherent across South Texas so the least served have greater opportunities to reach their full potential. She brought extensive knowledge of digital inclusion and community development to help address the needs of underserved communities, enabling them to achieve positive health outcomes and break the cycle of inter-generational poverty.

Barton-Garcia previously served as senior adviser for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, where she supported the Federal Reserve System's economic growth objectives and the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). As a community development officer, her work included economic research, community development finance and philanthropy, and training financial institutions and federal banking regulators. Her focus areas included digital inclusion, telehealth, workforce development, financial education, affordable housing, and microenterprise and small business development. Her work at the Federal Reserve was preceded by a distinguished career in community development banking and finance at Capital One Bank, and as a nonprofit leader in the expansion of microfinance in the U.S. with Accion Texas, now LIFT Fund.

Barton-Garcia serves on the Steering Committees for Digital Texas, the Digital Inclusion Alliance San Antonio, and on the Advisory Board of the Texas Health Improvement Network of the University of Texas System. She has received the Federal Policy Champion Award from the Coalition for Local Internet Choice and the Community Broadband Hero Award from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors; named, "Salud Hero" (health hero) by Salud America, a program of UT Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame. She grew up in the rural South Texas border community of Benavides and holds an MPA from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.



Kevin Beyer

CEO

Federated and Farmers Telephone

Kevin Beyer has spent the last 20 years as a general manager, successfully leading the roll-out of an all-fiber network for Federated Telephone Cooperative, headquartered in Chokio, Minnesota, and Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, headquartered in Bellingham, Minnesota. He started his career in rural telephony as an accountant at Blue Earth Valley Telephone. After obtaining a thorough understanding of the needs of a rural ILEC, he branched out to direct the finance and regulatory departments of Sherburne County Rural Telephone Co. Today Beyer has the honor of providing customers in over 2,700 square miles in west central Minnesota with robust voice and broadband services.

In addition to his GM duties, Beyer is active in the industry, both nationally and in his home state, including NECA, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, Fiber Minnesota, Minnesota Telecom Alliance, and Pinnacle Marketing Group.

Beyer received his B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. He currently resides with his wife and two daughters in Alexandria, Minnesota, where he devotes a significant amount of his personal time to community and charitable pursuits.

SPEAKERS



Kirk Burgee

Chief of Staff

Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

Kirk Burgee is the chief of staff of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. In his work for the bureau, Burgee is involved in matters related to broadband deployment, including broadband deployment funding, data mapping and interagency coordination of broadband programs. He is also a deputy director of the FCC's Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, which is tasked with implementing FCC auctions to allocate universal service support for broadband deployment in unserved areas, including the Connect America Phase II Auction and the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction. Prior to joining the FCC in 2005, Burgee practiced telecommunications law in the private sector in Washington, D.C.



Nicholas Coates

Town Administrator

Town of Bristol, NH

Nicholas J. Coates (Nik) is the town administrator for the Town of Bristol and manages Bristol's economic development efforts in that role. During his six years, he has overseen the construction of a middle-mile and fiber-to-the-premise network and partnered with neighboring towns to build the network out. He has also managed a \$23-million sewer extension project, a new rail trail and parks additions, a Safe Routes to School network, a new Town Office construction, and more. He also serves as the chair of the Grafton County Broadband Committee, which is in final design for a 39-town middle-mile and fiber-to-the-premise network, and serves on several other nonprofit, municipal and state boards, including the New Hampshire Housing and Community Development Planning Council. Coates holds a bachelor's degree from Southern New Hampshire University and a master's degree from Northeastern University.



Tom Coverick

Managing Director

Keybank Capital Markets

Tom Coverick serves as the managing director for Keybank Capital Markets, working with their public sector division. Tom has extensive experience in municipal broadband and public finance in the Midwest, Southwest, and Northeast. Tom has worked for broadband initiatives such as UTOPIA Fiber, the Utah Infrastructure Agency, and MINet.



Perry Crider

General Manager

DISH Fiber

Perry Crider is the general manager of sales over the high growth DISH Fiber initiative based out of Denver. He has nine years of experience with DISH Network in various verticals and B2B sales and now manages a team of highly skilled managers and salespeople whose main focus is providing property groups with the ability to offer residents the best customized managed WiFi and video solution on the market so as to monetize their #1 amenity.

Crider earned a B.S. in business finance from the University of Northern Colorado and an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management with a focus on international finance and marketing. Prior to his MBA, he owned and operated ElephantDNA, a design and advertising agency, and worked in commercial finance for CIT.



Lee Davenport
Director of Community Development
US Ignite

Director of Community Development Lee Davenport leads US Ignite's Smart Gigabit Communities program and serves as project director for Project OVERCOME. For 20 years, he has worked with national nonprofit organizations, large corporations, federal agencies, and local governments to create and deliver technology-informed economic empowerment strategies to communities nationwide. He has expertise in program design, multi-partner program development, communications, implementation, and evaluation strategies. Before joining US Ignite, Davenport founded a successful consultancy that provided strategy and operational leadership for nonprofits and private sector agencies delivering consumer technology and connectivity to low-income communities. Prior to that, he served as vice president, programs at One Economy Corporation, leading a national effort for digital literacy and broadband adoption.



Harrison Hiner
Legislative and Political Director, Texas State Employee Union
Communications Workers of America (CWA) District 6

Harrison Hiner is a legislative-political coordinator and senior campaign lead for Communications Workers of America (CWA). CWA is a labor union representing telecommunications workers but also represents a diverse range of workers in industries that include health care, manufacturing, airlines, and public employees.

Hiner is currently the Texas coordinator for CWA's Broadband Brigade, which is a nationwide campaign to solve broadband inequity issues and to include labor standards and accountability measures within digital inclusion programs at the federal, state, and municipal levels. CWA has long advocated for high-speed internet access as a universal right, starting with its Speed Matters program in 2006.

Along with his work at CWA, Hiner has over 12 years of experience in the labor movement and in Texas politics. He has organized state employees and automotive manufacturing employees for better wages and benefits. He has lobbied in the Texas Legislature for pro-worker policies such as raising wages and increasing access to state services, as well as stopping the outsourcing of Texas call center jobs outside of the United States. He has also worked for the United Auto Workers, the Texas AFL-CIO, and the Texas State Employees Union-CWA Local-6186.

Hiner is a native of Pittsburg, Texas, a small city in Northeast Texas. He attended the University of Arkansas, and currently lives in Austin.



Sandy Jack
Senior Manager, Market Development-VCN
CommScope

Sandy Jack has been a connectivity evangelist for over a decade, and these past few years have proven that being connected is even more important than ever. Whether the conversation is about upgrading existing infrastructure, the benefits of a managed Wi-Fi network, or planning for IOT - Jack has been there with insight and advice to ensure that everyone has access to great connectivity. Because being truly connected is what it's all about.

SPEAKERS



Alison Johnson

**Associate Vice President of Content and Program Strategy
National Multihousing Housing Council**

Alison Johnson is responsible for designing and managing executive-level knowledge programs of strategic importance to NMHC's mission and industry advocacy. With experience in finance and nonprofit management, Johnson is a practiced program manager who has conducted research and knowledge-sharing initiatives in a variety of subject matters, including corporate citizenship, urbanization, leadership, and community building. She holds a B.A. in political and economic philosophy from Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va., and earned a master of urban planning from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.



Benjamin Kahn

**Reporter
Broadband Breakfast**

Reporter Ben Kahn is a graduate of University of Baltimore and the National Journalism Center. His work has appeared in Broadband Breakfast, Washington Jewish Week, and The Center Square, among other publications. He primarily covers Big Tech and spectrum policy.



Dr. Arshia Khan

**Professor of Computer Science
University of Minnesota Duluth**

Dr. Arshia Khan holds a bachelor of engineering in computer-engineering, an M.S. in computer science and Ph.D in information technology. Her research efforts are directed at growing the emerging new field of biomedical and health informatics, specifically in the areas of neuroscience and therapeutic robotic assistive technology in combination with sensors and IoT(Internet of Things). This research, which combines her computer science and engineering skills with medicine offers promising solutions to chronic neurodegenerative problems such as dementia and elderly care. Her research requires strong and varied interdisciplinary collaborations with experts in fields of cardiothoracic surgery, neuropsychology, psychology, physical therapy, dietetics, nursing and occupational therapy.

Dr. Khan is passionate about encouraging women in computing and chairs the Women in Computing committee for the Swenson College of Science and Engineering. She loves to teach, research and inculcate research interest among undergraduate and graduate students, encouraging and fostering a desire to pursue doctoral education.



Mike Mancini

**Senior Director, Sales Engineering
Xfinity Communities**

Mike Mancini is the senior director of sales engineering at XFINITY Communities™, Comcast's business unit focused on bringing premier entertainment, high-speed data, WiFi, smart, and valued services to multi-family, university, and healthcare clients. His role is lending consultative guidance in B2B solution sales and developing the advanced technology/product roadmap.

Mancini, who holds an MBA with e-commerce/management focus from St. Joseph's University and a BBA in computer science from Temple University, has over 30 years of networking/integration expertise, spanning tenures at Sprint, Siemens, and Raytheon.

He is a Philadelphia native, who resides in Collegeville, Pa., with wife, Marie, and three children, all of whom are Penn State University graduates.



Sunne Wright McPeak
President and CEO
California Emerging Technology Fund

Sunne Wright McPeak is President and CEO of California Emerging Technology Fund, a statewide non-profit foundation with 15 years of experience addressing broadband issues to close the Digital Divide in California.



Mano Nachum
Chief Product Officer
Connectbase

Prior to leading the product team at Connectbase, Mano Nachum served in several product, technology, and strategy leadership roles for innovative high-growth cloud-based solutions in the telecom and HR Tech industries. He recently served as VP product and technology at Elements Global Services, where he led development for an HR business intelligence SaaS solution. Nachum has over 25 years of broad experience in the telecom industry with companies including Spirent, MRV (acquired by Adva), ADTRAN, and ECI Telecom (now Ribbon).



Shrihari Pandit
President and CEO
Stealth Communications

Shrihari Pandit is the President and CEO of Stealth Communications, the NYC-based ISP he co-founded in 1995. Stealth, having built its own fiber-optic network throughout the city, provides high-bandwidth connectivity services to a broad roster of customers in business, education and government. Prior to Stealth, Mr. Pandit was a network-security consultant to various software and telecom companies, including MCI, Sprint and Sun Microsystems. He also served as an independent consultant to several U.S. agencies, including NASA and the National Infrastructure Protection Center, now part of the Department of Homeland Security.



Pete Pizzutillo
Vice President of Marketing
ETI Software

Pete Pizzutillo, the vice president of marketing at ETI Software, is also the founder and host of the Broadband Bunch Podcast. At ETI, he is responsible for leading global partner / channel development as well as ETI's go-to-market strategy. Prior to ETI, Pizzutillo held multiple product management, sales and marketing positions to help software companies build client engagement and generate demand. He has worked in several industries in various marketing roles after starting his career as an advertising agency art director. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with degrees in business administration and art. Pizzutillo lives in New Jersey with his four children. You can connect with him on LinkedIn or Twitter: @pizzutillo.



Jose Rodriguez
Regional Director of Operations
Servitas Management Group

Jose Rodriguez brings extensive site operations, facilities management, customer service, and IT based customer solutions to the Servitas Management Group. Over his more than 13-year career, he has worked on campus, off campus and been involved with some of the largest P3 projects in the country. He has been involved in every phase of operation from pre-construction, construction, lease up, operations, due diligence, and disposition and has overseen over \$1.5 million in capital expenditure projects. Rodriguez holds a B.A. in sociology from Texas A&M University – Kingsville.

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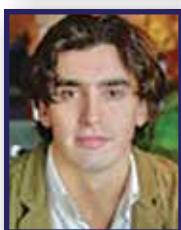
Andrew Semenak
Managing Director
Pinpoint Capital Advisors

Andrew Semenak has more than 20 years experience in telecommunications investment banking. He is the founding partner of Pinpoint Capital Advisors and has advised on numerous domestic and international capital raisings and mergers and acquisition transactions. Andrew was previously a senior investment banker with Macquarie and Rothschild.



Matt Schmit
Director
Illinois Office of Broadband

Matt Schmit serves as the Director of the Illinois Office of Broadband. In this capacity, he is responsible for facilitating the deployment of the Connect Illinois broadband infrastructure grant program. He also served as a state senator for Minnesota between 2013 and 2016.



Noah Tulsy
Partner
Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners

Noah Tulsy is a Partner at Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners (SIP), where he focuses on SIP's CoFi platform, which works to advance shared broadband solutions, and 5G strategy. SIP owns, operates, and invests in innovative technology to transform infrastructure systems, advancing scalable solutions to society's biggest challenges. Previously, Noah worked at Goldman Sachs, where he invested across the power & energy, transportation, and telecommunications & data sectors on behalf of the firm's infrastructure funds.



Will Walker
National Account Manager
DISH Fiber

Will Walker brings 18 years of sales and sales management experience to the DISH Fiber program. His background includes residential, commercial and enterprise satellite DBS solutions selling, management of multiple training teams and the launch of several nationwide retail programs, including at 900+ Best Buy locations. Most recently, Walker developed an indirect channel of smart home design professionals, putting up double-digit growth results four years running. He currently supervises strategic managed Wi-Fi deployments for DISH Fiber.



Devin Weaver
Director of Engineering
Project Waves

Devin Weaver oversees the Project Waves network as director of engineering. He has seven years of experience working in the cloud, data center, and managed service provider environment, where he initially served in a client-facing support role before moving to a network engineering role. He holds industry certifications such as CCNA and JNCIS, and has made efforts to begin an Internet exchange point in Baltimore. Prior to joining the Project Waves team, Weaver launched the first internet exchange point in Baltimore, and has since coordinated its growth with the Saint Paul Group.



Joshua Williams

**Innovation Fellow, Department of Innovation
Office of Mayor Sylvester Turner, City of Houston**

Joshua Williams is a former finance professional and education leader dedicated to creating meaningful change in underserved communities. He is currently an executive fellow with FUSE Corps, which is a national nonprofit that partners with local governments and communities to lead strategic projects designed to accelerate, progress, and advance racial equity. Williams joined the City of Houston's Office of Innovation in 2021 to spearhead digital inclusion initiatives. Prior to leading digital inclusion efforts for the City of Houston, he served as director of operations and finance with a charter school system, where he led efforts to provide internet and technology for students and their families during the height of the pandemic.



Jeremiah Williamson

**Director of Information Technology
SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council**

Jeremiah Williamson, director of information technology for the SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC), is responsible for providing and maintaining tools, data services and security, and communications for SETRAC's operations. In quiet times, he supports SETRAC's efforts to provide services to the region's healthcare coalitions, preparedness, and clinical programs. During the not-so-quiet times, he supports the operational needs of the Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) in the Command Center and its deployed assets in the field.

Williamson holds an associate's degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor's degree in information technology management. He has an extensive background in applying technology to field operations in the Gulf of Mexico oilfield, then in emergency response, beginning with the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He has deployed and supported responses across the country, including oil spills, tornados, ice storms, hurricanes, and now pandemics.