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FEATURED SPEAKER
The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

AMERICAN HORIZON AWARD

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Larry Irving
President and CEO
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HONOREE
Meredith Attwell Baker
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Master of Ceremonies

RICHARD E. WILEY

Richard E. Wiley, senior partner at Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, heads the nation’s largest communications law practice. He is a former chairman, commissioner, and general counsel of the Federal Communications Commission, where he also played a pivotal role in the development of high-definition television. Mr. Wiley has been called the “most prominent telecommunications lawyer and lobbyist in Washington” (Broadcasting & Cable) and the “most influential media and telecommunications lawyer in the United States” (International Herald Tribune). Regularly listed as one of National Law Journal’s “100 most influential lawyers,” he is a member of the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame and has been named a “Giant of Broadcasting” by the Library of American Broadcasting. Mr. Wiley is Chairman of The Media Institute’s Board of Trustees.
The National Association of Broadcasters is proud to join The Media Institute in honoring Peggy Noonan and Meredith Attwell Baker. NAB applauds their contributions to advancing free speech and innovation in media and broadcasting.
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Featured Speaker

THE HONORABLE BOB GOODLATTE


In the 113th Congress, Rep. Goodlatte was elected Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the first Judiciary Committee Chairman from Virginia in 125 years. He had served in a variety of leadership positions on the Judiciary Committee since arriving in Congress.

Chairman Goodlatte has made a name for himself as a leader on Internet and high-tech issues. He is Co-Chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus and the International Creativity and Theft-Prevention Caucus, as well as Chairman of the House Republican Technology Working Group. He also serves on the House Agriculture Committee.

Chairman Goodlatte earned his undergraduate degree in Government at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and is a graduate of the Washington and Lee University School of Law. Chairman Goodlatte resides in Roanoke with his wife, Maryellen. They have been married since 1974 and have two adult children, Jennifer and Rob.
CTIA—The Wireless Association congratulates tonight’s honorees, Peggy Noonan, recipient of the Freedom of Speech Award, and our own Meredith Attwell Baker, recipient of the American Horizon Award.

We are proud to share the stage this evening with The Honorable Bob Goodlatte, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; a strong voice for our digital economy.

CTIA proudly supports The Media Institute. All of us benefit from its continued leadership in advancing freedom of speech, fostering competition, and promoting journalistic excellence.
Larry Irving is President and CEO of the Irving Group, a consulting firm providing strategic advice and assistance on telecommunications and information technology issues. Prior to founding the Irving Group in 1999, Mr. Irving served for almost seven years as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Mr. Irving was one of the principal architects and advocates of the Clinton Administration’s telecommunications and Internet policies, and was a point person in the Administration’s successful efforts to reform U.S. telecommunications laws. Those efforts resulted in passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Mr. Irving received a B.A. degree from Northwestern University, and is a recipient of the University’s Alumni Merit Award for distinguished professional achievement. He is also a graduate of Stanford University School of Law, where he was elected President of his graduating class. Mr. Irving is married to Leslie Annett Wiley and resides in Washington. He serves on several boards, including the PBS board of directors.
We applaud tonight’s honorees for their creativity, leadership and commitment to freedom of speech.

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Meredith Attwell Baker joined CTIA–The Wireless Association as its President and CEO in June 2014. She brings extensive experience on spectrum issues and wireless policy and a keen understanding of how government and business must work together to drive innovation.

Prior to joining CTIA, Mrs. Baker served as Senior Vice President of Government Affairs at Comcast NBCUniversal, where she was responsible for developing policy positions on legislative and regulatory issues and representing those positions before Congress, the Administration, and government agencies. Appointed by President Barack Obama in 2009, Mrs. Baker served as a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) until June 2011. During her tenure, she championed a forward-looking approach to spectrum management issues as well as a flexible regulatory environment to encourage continued innovation and competition.

Before joining the FCC, Mrs. Baker served in the Bush Administration as Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information as well as Acting Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). While at NTIA, she facilitated the nation’s historic transition to digital television, which freed commercial spectrum for wireless companies, and promoted market-based policies that encouraged innovation.

Mrs. Baker holds a B.A. degree from Washington and Lee University and a law degree from the University of Houston. She is a member of the Texas State Bar. Mrs. Baker and her husband, Jamie, reside in McLean, Virginia. She has four stepdaughters.
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Thank you for your leadership and dedication to protecting the ideals of the First Amendment

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.
Bob Woodward is an associate editor of The Washington Post, where he has worked since 1971. He has shared in two Pulitzer Prizes, first in 1973 for coverage of the Watergate scandal with Carl Bernstein, and second in 2002 as the lead reporter for coverage of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

He has authored or co-authored 17 books, all of which have been national non-fiction bestsellers. Twelve of those have been No. 1 national bestsellers, spanning the years from 1974 to 2010. His eighteenth book, The Last of the President’s Men, was published this month by Simon & Schuster. Bob Schieffer of CBS News has said, “Woodward has established himself as the best reporter of our time. He may be the best reporter of all time.”

In 2014, Robert Gates, former director of the CIA and secretary of defense, said that he wished he’d recruited Mr. Woodward into the CIA, noting that Mr. Woodward “has an extraordinary ability to get otherwise responsible adults to spill [their] guts to him.” Time magazine has called All the President’s Men, by Bernstein and Woodward, “perhaps the most influential piece of journalism in history.”
Congratulations
Peggy Noonan and
Meredith Attwell Baker

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PEGGY NOONAN

Peggy Noonan is a widely admired and award-winning columnist for The Wall Street Journal, where her column, “Declarations,” has run since the year 2000. Her work has been lauded as “passionate, patriotic and persuasive” and as “must-reading for the understanding of American politics.”

In 2011, Ms. Noonan was honored as Columnist of the Year by The Week, which said of her work: “In an era of rigid polarization, she embraces the nearly lost art of open-mindedness.” Her prose, said the magazine, “is subtle and striking, and the clarity of her observations can be devastating.” In 2010, Ms. Noonan received the Tex McCrary Journalism Award given by the Medal of Honor Society, composed of living recipients of the Medal of Honor. She has called this the highest honor of her career.

Ms. Noonan is the author of nine books on American politics and culture, among them her early political classic, What I Saw at the Revolution, and her bestselling biography of Ronald Reagan, When Character Was King. She was a special assistant and speechwriter to President Ronald Reagan. Ms. Noonan is a member of the board of trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library. She is the author most recently of The Time of Our Lives, a collection of columns and essays to be published in November 2015.

Ms. Noonan was born in Brooklyn, New York, received her B.A. degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and lives in New York City.
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WELCOME FROM THE MEDIA INSTITUTE

We welcome you this evening as we recognize our distinguished awardees and thank our friends and benefactors. Peggy Noonan is receiving our Freedom of Speech Award as a strong and outspoken supporter of values that include free speech and a robust First Amendment. Meredith Attwell Baker is receiving our American Horizon Award for the emphasis she has placed throughout her career — at NTIA, the FCC, and now CTIA — on the importance of innovation in media and telecommunications.

Our awardees, along with their presenters Bob Woodward and Larry Irving, featured speaker Rep. Bob Goodlatte, and our own Dick Wiley, should make this a most enjoyable evening. Please join us in celebrating this distinguished group, as well as Free Speech Week, the national event taking place this week. As always, we are most grateful for the generous support of our friends and benefactors.

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October 19–25, 2015

Tonight’s banquet is The Media Institute’s signature event in celebration of Free Speech Week (FSW), the national week-long event that gives everyone an opportunity to recognize this fundamental freedom.

New this year is the FSW Social Media Badge, featuring quotation marks inside a heart—a stylized way to say “I love free speech” through social media. And, as always, a host of universities, media organizations, and community groups are conducting their own activities to promote freedom of speech.

The Media Institute, which created Free Speech Week in 2005, has continued to publicize FSW and to manage its website. Check it out at freespeechweek.org. Next year’s Free Speech Week will be celebrated Oct. 17–23, 2016.

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