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Richard E. Wiley

In 1983, Richard E. Wiley co-founded Wiley Rein LLP, a Washington, DC law firm with the largest communications practice in the United States. As a former Chairman, Commissioner, and General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission (1970–77), he was a leading force in the agency's initial efforts to foster increased competition and lessened regulation in the communications field.

Since 1985, Dick Wiley has been regularly recognized as one of the nation's "100 Most Influential" lawyers by *The National Law Journal*. He also has been profiled in *The New York Times* ("Telecommunications' Ubiquitous Man of Influence"), *Los Angeles Times* ("The Sixth Commissioner"), *The International Herald Tribune* ("Most Influential Media Lawyer in U.S."), *The Globe and Mail* ("Father of HDTV"), and *The American Lawyer* ("Brand Name of Communications Law" and "Lifetime Achiever").

Mr. Wiley was awarded an Emmy by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for leading the development of the nation's digital television transmission standard. He also has received numerous industry-related recognitions including: the National Association of Broadcaster's Distinguished Service Award, the North American Broadcasters Association's International Achievement Award, the Library of American Broadcasting's "Giants in Broadcasting", the Broadcasters Foundation of America's Excellence in Broadcasting Award, the Consumer Electronics Association's Gold Medal and Hall of Fame, and Broadcasting & Cable Magazine's "100 Men of the Century".

Mr. Wiley graduated with distinction from Northwestern (B.S. and J.D.) and holds a Masters Degree in Law (LL.M.) from Georgetown. He has received distinguished alumnus awards from each University as well as an Honorary Doctor of Law from Catholic and John Marshall Law Schools. He has served as President of the Federal Bar and Federal Communications Bar Associations and Chair of the ABA's Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section.





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Patricia de Stacy Harrison

The Honorable Patricia de Stacy Harrison is the president and chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the leading funder of public radio and public television programming for the American people.

Ms. Harrison is also chairman of the Leadership Council of Women and Girls Lead, an innovative public media initiative designed to focus, educate and connect women, girls and their allies across the globe to address the challenges of the 21st century. In 2012, she was included on the Forbes list of “Women Changing the World in Media” for establishing Women and Girls Lead and her continued leadership on the project.

Prior to joining CPB in 2005, Ms. Harrison served as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs and Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. She is the recipient of many awards and honors, including the 2008 Leadership Award from the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the U.S. Secretary of State’s Distinguished Service Award.

She sits on the boards of the National Italian American Foundation and the American University of Rome. She is also a member of the Board of Advisors at the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security.

Ms. Harrison is the author of two books, *A Seat At The Table: An Insider’s Guide for America’s New Women Leaders* and *America’s New Women Entrepreneurs*.





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Adonis E. Hoffman

Adonis Hoffman is chairman of Business in the Public Interest and director of Ad Hoc Holdings, Inc. He is co-chair of the Advisory Council at Nielsen Media, adjunct professor at Georgetown University and a member of the First Amendment Advisory Council at The Media Institute.

Hoffman's career includes senior legal and policy appointments in the U.S. House of Representatives and the FCC, and leadership positions at the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. His work in constitutional and electoral reform took him to thirty countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. He is the author of *Doing Good — The New Rules of Corporate Responsibility, Conscience and Character*, and has published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Broadcasting & Cable* and *The Hill*.

Hoffman earned an A.B. from Princeton and a J.D. from Georgetown and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of International Trade and the U.S. Supreme Court. Adonis and Karla Hoffman have been married for 25 years and have a son and a daughter.





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Perry A. Sook

Perry A. Sook has over 33 years of professional experience in the television and radio broadcasting industries, covering all facets of the business including ownership and M&A, management, sales, on-air talent and news. Sook is the founder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of

Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc., a leading diversified media company that leverages localism to bring new services and value to consumers and advertisers through its traditional media, digital and mobile media platforms. Based in Irving, Texas, Nexstar was formed in 1996 and trades on NASDAQ under the symbol NXST. Pro-forma for the completion of all transactions Nexstar will own, operate, program or provide sales and other services to 171 television stations and their related low power and digital multicast signals reaching 100 markets or approximately 39% of all U.S. television households.

Prior to Nexstar, Mr. Sook was one of the principals of Superior Communication Group, and he previously spent five years with Cox Broadcasting. Early in his career, Mr. Sook was involved in local TV sales and radio sales, and also worked briefly as a television news anchor at the CBS affiliate in Clarksburg, W.V.

Mr. Sook did his undergraduate work at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and was an adjunct professor at Edinboro State University of Pennsylvania. He is a recipient of the NAB/BEA Harold E. Follow Memorial Scholarship, a Board Member of the National Association of Broadcasters, the Television Bureau of Advertising, the NBC Affiliate Board, and a Board Member and Trustee of The Ohio University Foundation.

He and his wife, Sandra, have three children; Laura, Victoria and Perry, Jr., and reside in Flower Mound, Texas.





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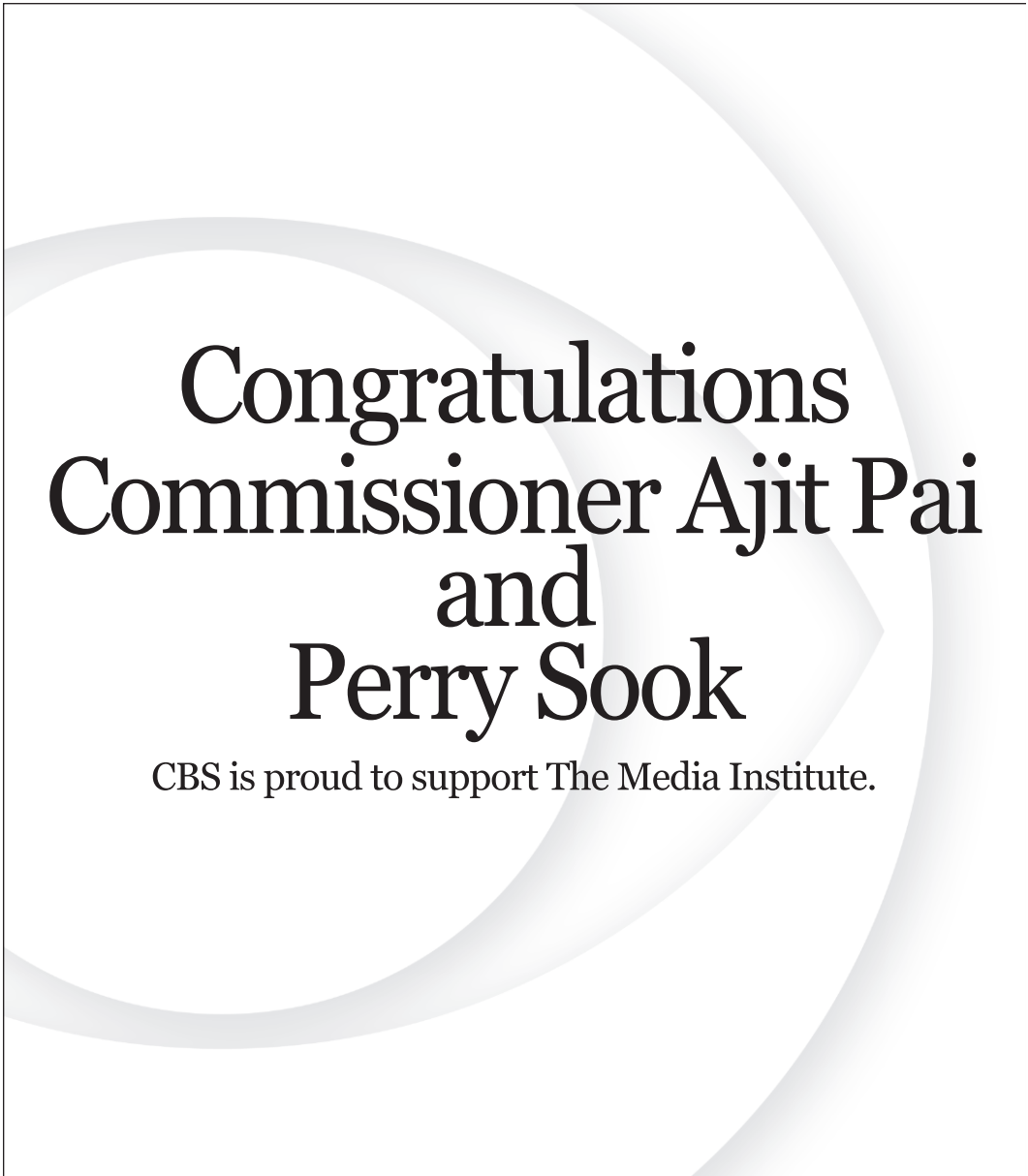
PRESENTER



Robert McDowell

Robert McDowell, former commissioner and senior member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has been an industry and government leader on a multitude of complex issues in the communications field throughout his career. A partner in the Communications Practice at Wiley Rein LLP, he provides strategic legal, business, and public policy advice to clients on important domestic and international matters in the telecommunications, media, technology, and digital media industries. Appointed to the FCC by presidents George W. Bush (2006) and Barack Obama (2009) and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate each time, Mr. McDowell was the first Republican appointed to an independent agency by President Obama. During his seven years as one of five FCC commissioners, he spearheaded the production of policies that directly affected all aspects of the Internet, wireless technologies, broadband competition, and communications equipment and devices, as well as radio and satellite services. Mr. McDowell also has 16 years of private sector experience in the communications industry. He is currently a senior advisor at Berenson & Co. and a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute's Center for the Economics of the Internet. Mr. McDowell received his J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.





Congratulations Commissioner Ajit Pai and Perry Sook

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Ajit Pai

Ajit Pai is the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission. He was nominated to the FCC by President Barack Obama and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on May 7, 2012.

Commissioner Pai has been an outspoken defender of First Amendment freedoms. When the FCC proposed to send researchers into newsrooms to question why reporters cover some stories and not others, Commissioner Pai sounded the alarm. Soon after, the FCC canceled the study. Commissioner Pai has also spoken out about threats to free speech here and abroad and has warned against government efforts to regulate the marketplace of ideas.

Commissioner Pai's regulatory philosophy is informed by a few simple principles, among them that consumers benefit most from competition, not preemptive regulations, and that the FCC should do everything it can to ensure that its rules reflect the realities of the current marketplace and basic principles of economics.

Commissioner Pai graduated with honors from Harvard University in 1994 and from the University of Chicago Law School in 1997, where he was an editor of the University of Chicago Law Review and won the Thomas R. Mulroy Prize. In 2010, Pai was one of 55 individuals nationwide chosen for the 2011 Marshall Memorial Fellowship, a leadership development initiative of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

The son of immigrants from India, Commissioner Pai grew up in Parsons, Kansas. He now lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Janine; son, Alexander; and daughter, Annabelle.



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NAB applauds The Media Institute's mission to protect free speech and their support of broadcasters who are dedicated to keeping their communities informed about the issues and events that impact them.



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It is our great pleasure to welcome you this evening as we celebrate our distinguished awardees and recognize our friends and benefactors. Commissioner Ajit Pai is receiving our Freedom of Speech Award for his steadfast commitment to the First Amendment at the FCC. Perry Sook is receiving our American Horizon Award for positioning Nexstar as a leader in broadcasting during one of the industry's most challenging eras.

Our awardees, along with their presenters Adonis Hoffman and Rob McDowell, and CPB's Patricia Harrison, promise to make this a memorable event indeed. We invite you to enjoy the evening's festivities and we thank you for your generous support, which makes our work possible.

Patrick D. Maines
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OCTOBER 17 – 23, 2016

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 a panel discussion co-hosted by The Media Institute and the Newseum Institute, titled "Free Speech: Still the American Way?" This affair will be held tomorrow, October 20, from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Newseum.

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. 16 – 22, 2017.

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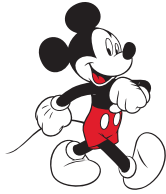


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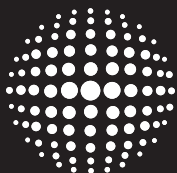
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