

The Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit  
and the Federal Communications Bar Association present:

# FCC Indecency Cases in the D.C. Circuit: An Historical Perspective

As the Supreme Court prepares to hear argument on November 4 in the *Fox* case involving the FCC's ruling barring broadcast of "fleeting expletives," the Historical Society and the Federal Communications Bar Association present a panel discussion of the D.C. Circuit's indecency decisions. Appellate litigation arising from FCC indecency rulings was formerly centered in the D.C. Circuit. Judges Tamm, Bazelon, and Leventhal wrote opinions in the *Pacifica* case arising from George Carlin's famous "seven dirty words" monologue. The Court issued other decisions in indecency cases, culminating in two en banc decisions in 1995.

**Date and Time:**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008** at 4:15 p.m.

**Location:**

**Ceremonial Courtroom**, 6th Floor  
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse  
3rd Street & Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**Panelists:**

**Timothy B. Dyk**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and counsel for broadcasters prior to being appointed to the bench in 2000

**Glen O. Robinson**, retired Professor of Law at the University of Virginia and a member of the FCC when the Commission issued its decision in the *Pacifica* case

**Laurence H. Silberman**, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and a member of the en banc court in 1995

**Patricia M. Wald**, formerly Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and a member of the en banc court in 1995

**Moderator:**

**Christopher J. Wright**, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP and former General Counsel of the FCC



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Admission is free.

A reception will follow the program.

No reservations are required

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