

STATE LEGISLATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYMPOSIUM
CONVENED BY THE COMPETITION POLICY INSTITUTE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
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AGENDA

The United States telecommunications industry is undergoing fundamental change. Legal barriers to competition have been removed, permitting competitors to enter markets formerly closed to them. But in many markets, competition is still in its infancy and barriers to entry remain. In the meantime, technology marches on. This Symposium will explore the opportunities and challenges facing state legislators when designing state telecommunications policies to serve consumers by encouraging the growth of competitive markets.

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 PM **Opening Dinner:** Welcome and Introductions

Thursday, October 21

8:30-9:30 **Presentation:** Overview of the telecommunications marketplace

9:30-10:30 **Plenary Session 1:** *What should state telecommunications legislation attempt to accomplish? What are the critical elements of state telecommunications laws in an increasingly competitive marketplace?*

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Small discussion break-out groups

11:45-12:15 Reports from break-out groups

12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:45-2:45 **Plenary Session 2:** *Several vital issues facing state legislators: rights-of-way; building access; taxation; broadband open access/universal service.*

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Small discussion break-out groups

4:00-4:30 Reports from break-out groups

6:30 **Symposium Dinner:** The View from Wall Street, Anna Marie Kovacs

Friday, October 22

- 8:30-9:30 **Presentation:** *New developments in telecommunications technology@*
- 9:30-10:30 **Plenary Session 3:** *How will the new telecommunications technologies shape public policy?*
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:45 Small discussion break-out groups
- 11:45-12:15 Reports from break-out groups
- 12:15 Wrap up and adjournment (box lunches provided)