

New Networks Institute

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NNI's Independent, Expert Telecommunications Team

New Networks Institute (NNI) was established in 1992 and over the last decade has created a team independent experts, auditors and lawyers to work on projects. With our ability to uncover never seen before phone company data, and an unsurpassed telecommunications expertise, NNI is committed to restructuring telecommunications, getting America wired and wireless, bringing back competition, lowering prices and returning customers' rights and holding the phone and cable companies accountable.

Bruce Kushnick, Executive Director of New Networks has been a telecom analyst for over 30 years. If you ever used a touchtone phone, saw the phone number of the caller or listened to a recording over the last three decades, odds are Bruce Kushnick had something to do with it. In 1985, as Senior Telecom Analyst for IDC/Link, (a subsidiary of International Data Corp), Kushnick's 1985 report (a best seller) predicted that the addition of new technologies and new networks would change the way America used communications. In 1992, Kushnick helped to invent and deploy the first 3-digit phone service, "511" with Cox Newspapers. In 1992, Kushnick also started New Networks Institute; in 2002 Kushnick was one of the founders that established Teletruth, a telecom advocacy group that was a member of the FCC's Consumer Advisory Committee. Kushnick's new book "The Book of Broken Promises: \$400 Billion Broadband Scandal & Free the Net", released May 2015, is the third in a trilogy spanning 18 years. <http://newnetworks.com/vita-bruce-kushnick-new-networks-institute/>

David Bergmann, Esq., worked as an attorney and then Assistant Consumers' Counsel for the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, the state's residential utility consumer advocate, for almost 30 years. In 2007 he received the "Outstanding Service Award," the first of its kind, from the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), a non-profit, national organization of state offices in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia designated to represent consumers in state and federal utility proceedings. NASUCA stated that "His passion for helping to protect consumers has spread across the country through his role as a key organizer of federal telecommunications work performed on behalf of the nation's telephone consumers." In 2011, David started Telecom Policy Consulting for Consumers <http://www.occ.ohio.gov/news/2007/pressrelease.php?date=11192007>

Tom Allibone is the President of LTC Consulting, and the Director of Teletruth's Auditing Division. He has been a telecommunications professional with over 38 years of experience. Prior to founding LTC Consulting in 1989, Tom worked for New Jersey Bell and AT&T as a systems consultant and National Account Manager, starting in 1970. Tom is an AT&T 'legacy' as his grandfather and father (and his wife) all worked for AT&T and the Bell System. Tom has led Teletruth's auditing capabilities which has resulted in the settlement of 2 class action suits against Verizon, New Jersey, as well as telecom auditing resulting in over \$30 million in refunds. Tom was a member of the FCC Consumer Advisory Committee.

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Fred Goldstein advises companies on technical, regulatory and business issues related to the telecommunications, cable and Internet industries, especially in areas where they overlap. He has designed multifunction backbone networks for public and private sector clients. He has served as an expert witness in regulatory proceedings including intercarrier compensation, access to network elements, and the regulatory classification of services on multi-function networks. Prior to joining Interisle, he was principal of Ionary Consulting; earlier, he was employed by Arthur D. Little Inc. in its Communications, Information and Electronics practice. Before that, he was corporate telecommunications manager for Bolt Beranek and Newman, after working for the telecom regulatory consulting firm Economics and Technology Inc.

http://www.interisle.net/sub/fred_goldstein.html

Paul M. Hartman, recently retired from the Federal Communications Commission, worked as Assistant Chief, Pricing Policy Division (PPD) Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division as well as working in the Office of Inspector General, as part of the Universal Service High Cost Oversight by the commission. Paul was also on the FCC's Jurisdictional Separations Federal-State Joint Board. Paul has been involved in regulatory cost studies since working for the Bell System in 1973. Starting in 1985, for the next 14 years, Paul taught classes on telecommunications primarily in the areas of jurisdictional separations, settlements, access charges and related issues for the various major stakeholders, e.g., local exchange carriers, interexchange carriers, cable TV providers, state and federal regulators. Among other opportunities, Paul was the general manager of a startup Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier that provided fiber to the home.

Kenneth Levy, Esq., has worked as a telecommunications lawyer since the late 1970s, when he joined the FCC. He held several supervisory positions at the FCC, including Deputy Chief, Operations of the Common Carrier Bureau and Chief of the Tariff Division during the period leading up to divestiture and through the aftermath. He left the FCC to become General Counsel of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., the organization charged with administering the FCC's interstate access charge plan and universal service fund. Recently he has worked as a consultant on telecommunications regulatory proceedings involving universal service, inter-carrier compensation, Internet telephony and interconnection of networks.

W. Scott McCollough, Esq. is an attorney whose practice focuses on communications, computer and Internet law and regulation, with an emphasis on representation of consumers and small competitive and new technology application and service providers. He also provides instruction and training in those areas to individuals, groups, and companies. He is Board Certified in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Past activities included 10 years as an Assistant Texas Attorney General and Contract Consumer Advocate (representing residential and small business consumers) with City of Austin Electric Utility (1994-1999). Past Regulatory Counsel for Texas ISDN Users Group and Texas Internet Service Providers Association. He has unparalleled knowledge and experience relating to those places where technology and regulation intersect – and often collide – all the way up the protocol stack.

<http://effaustin.org/2011/06/july2011-netneutrality/>

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Dana Spiegel is the Executive Director of NYCwireless, which has been the leader in helping get public spaces wired up for wireless service and it promotes open wireless hotspots in public spaces throughout the New York region. NYCwireless was formed in 2001, and is primarily focused in New York City and surrounding areas. It is most widely recognized for its work in deploying free Wi-Fi access in Bryant Park and Tompkins Square Park. He is also the Founder and Chief Code Therapist at FounderTherapy, where he helps early stage startups bring their software products to market, implement best practice software development processes, build agile software teams, and architects scalable systems and infrastructures. He is an advisor to a number of startups, including ClearServe and WorkMarket.

<http://nycwireless.net/about-us/board-of-directors/>

Chuck Sherwood As part of his involvement with national advocacy associations, Chuck serves as a member of the Alliance for Community Media's Public Policy Working Group and the Policy and Legal Committee of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. He has organized and spoken at many conferences and workshops dealing with cable, telecom and broadband network infrastructure issues with a focus on how they can be used for community, educational and economic development. In addition he has written articles for the ACM's Community Media Review (CMR) and the NATOA Journal and served as the Guest Editor for the Summer 2010 issue of the CMR entitled, "Comics Connecting with the New Broadband Networks".

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