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FCC Chairman Kevin Martin Discusses the Challenge of Communications Convergence with Georgetown Business School Audience



FCC Chairman Kevin Martin addresses the audience at the Georgetown Club.

Washington, D.C. – “Regulators struggle to keep up in this fast-paced world of [communications] change,” Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin told an audience of distinguished government, business and academic leaders last night in Washington.

Martin noted that how the FCC deals with the convergence of voice, video, data and wireless communications is the most important and complex issue facing the regulatory body. “We see our job as facilitating competition and [helping]

consumers reap the benefit.” Martin said. “Competition, not regulations, leads to better prices.”

Martin was the inaugural speaker in the Distinguished Speakers Series sponsored by the Center for Business and Public Policy at Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business. The series is an effort to further the relationship between the business community, policymakers, and McDonough’s faculty and students.

“Chairman Martin is the nation’s chief regulator of an industry going through

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massive technological, industrial structure and policy changes," said John Mayo, professor of economics, business and public policy at the McDonough School and executive director of the Center for Business and Public Policy. "His presence allowed our students and faculty to join with industry and policy leaders in Washington for a candid discussion of where the telecommunication industry is headed."

About the Center

The Center for Business and Public Policy was created in 2001 to encourage dialogue and to document and disseminate knowledge on a range of issues in the public interest. Our mission is to engage scholars, business people and policymakers in relevant inquiries and dialogue to impact key business, economic, and ethical public policy issues confronting American and international businesses today. The McDonough School has an international focus, a rigorous academic environment, and a diverse student body that make the Georgetown experience unique. Within that framework, the center stands as a creative and intellectual marketplace for thoughtful exploration and careful testing of ideas on real world problems.



Dean Daly offers a welcoming toast

The Distinguished Speaker Series will bring in key policymakers and business people to analyze and discuss the implications of regulatory policy and the effects on our



MBA students Veeral Majmudar and Ian Simpson chat during the cocktail hour.

public and private endeavors. The Center will host three events per year on topics drawing from a wide array of sectors at the nexus of Business and Public Policy.

About the Robert Emmett McDonough School of Business

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