

# Steptoe's Sixth Annual Regulatory Symposium

***Expect the Unexpected: What Has Changed and What Has Remained the Same in the New Administration's Approach to Industry Regulation, Competition, Freedom of Speech, and Taxes?  
How to Maximize Opportunity and Minimize Risk***

**An In-Person Event at our Washington, DC office (1330 Connecticut Avenue NW) on May 14, 2025**

**12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.      Registration and Lunch**

**12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.      Opening Keynote Panel (8AB)**

**Panelists:**

- **Patrick Fuchs**, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
- **Harold Furchtgott-Roth**, former Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
- **John Jagers**, Consultant and former appointee in the GSA and US Agency for Global Media (USAGM) during the first Trump Administration
- Moderated by **Pantelis Michalopoulos**, Partner, Steptoe LLP

**1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.      Networking Break**

**2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      Breakout Session One**

**1. Antitrust and the First Amendment (8A)**

This panel will address issues surrounding censorship, the First Amendment, and the role of Big Tech firms – including the extent to which the antitrust laws present a solution to anticompetitive effects within the marketplace of ideas.

**Panelists:**

- **Alden F. Abbott**, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University and former General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission
- **Ashley Baker**, Executive Director, Committee for Justice
- **Shaoul Sussman**, former Associate Director for Enforcement, Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition, and former Attorney Advisor to former FTC Chair Lina Khan.
- Moderated by **Michael Weiner**, Partner, Steptoe LLP

## 2. AI: New Rules or No Rules? (8B)

The panel will explore the competitive implications of regulatory oversight, including those of exceeding rules. Panelists will debate the extent to which AI should be regulated, and the impact of different regulatory approaches on innovation and industry competition.

### Panelists:

- **Amba Kak**, Co-Executive Director, AI Now Institute, Former Senior Advisor on AI, Federal Trade Commission
- **Michel Paradis**, Steptoe LLP, Ph. D. in large language models, adjunct faculty at Columbia Law School
- **Sean Perryman**, Global Head of AI & Fairness Policy, Uber
- **Marc Rottenberg**, President and Founder of the Center for AI and Digital Policy
- Moderated by **Tyler Evans** and **Anne-Gabrielle Haie**, Partners, Steptoe LLP

**3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      Networking Break**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.      Breakout Session Two**

## 1. Tax Regulatory Trends and Legislative Insights (8A)

President Trump has directed agencies to implement a broad deregulatory agenda. This panel will discuss how that process could play out in the tax context over the coming years. In addition, with major tax provisions expiring in 2025, this is the year for tax legislation.

### **Key discussion points will include:**

- Tax deregulatory process and agenda
- Potential revenue raisers and tax incentives
- Challenges presented by using budget reconciliation to enact tax legislation
- Implementation of new tax legislation in current deregulatory environment

### Panelists:

- **George Callas**, Executive Vice President, Arnold Ventures
- **Kevin Salinger**, Acting Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) and Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy), Department of the Treasury
- **Shannon Stafford**, Managing Director of Tax, The Carlyle Group
- Moderated by **Lauren Azebu** and **Lisa Zarlenga**, Partners, Steptoe LLP

## 2. Fireside Chat with FERC Commissioner David Rosner (8B)

This conversation will cover Commissioner Rosner's experience during his first year at FERC, including the impact of Executive Orders on the workings and priorities of the Commission.

### Panelists:

- **David Rosner**, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Moderated by **Karen Bruni**, Partner, Steptoe LLP

**5:15 p.m.      Reception**