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FCC CHAIRMAN WHEELER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF, ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

Washington, D.C. – FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler announced today his intent to appoint Travis LeBlanc as acting Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Mr. LeBlanc previously served as a top deputy and senior advisor to California Attorney General Kamala Harris, overseeing the office’s operations and activities involving complex litigation and policy matters on a broad range of issues such as technology regulation, telecommunications, high-tech crime, cyber-security, privacy, intellectual property and antitrust.

“The credibility of the Commission’s rules depends on its enforcement activities,” said Chairman Wheeler. “Travis LeBlanc brings a wealth of experience with both federal and state law enforcement, most recently in the largest state Attorney General’s office in the country. He is a savvy prosecutor who also knows how to secure agreements with private companies in order to advance the public mission.”

During his time in the Office of the California Attorney General, Mr. LeBlanc established and oversaw California’s first high-tech crime and privacy enforcement units. He also secured global agreements with a number of high-tech companies to protect consumer privacy, promote online safety and respect intellectual property rights.

Before joining the California AG, Mr. LeBlanc was an attorney in the Office of Legal Counsel at the United States Department of Justice, where he advised the President and Attorney General on significant matters of constitutional, statutory and regulatory law. Prior to joining OLC, Mr. LeBlanc was an attorney at Kecker & Van Nest LLP in San Francisco, and Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington DC, where he represented corporate and individual clients in criminal and civil cases in federal and state courts.

Mr. LeBlanc holds an A.B. from Princeton University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, an M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and an LL.M. in International Law from the University of Cambridge. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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