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Speaker Profiles

Thursday, November 1: Keynote Interview

Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

In conversation with Christine Dobby, Telecom Reporter, The Globe and Mail

MICHAEL O'RIELLY was nominated for a seat on the Federal Communications Commission by President Barack Obama and was sworn into office in November 2013. In January 2015, he was confirmed and sworn into office for a second term, which extends until June 30, 2019.

Prior to joining the agency, Commissioner O'Rielly spent almost 20 years working in prominent Republican communication policy and leadership positions for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Most recently, he served as a Policy Advisor in the Office of the Senate Republican Whip, led by U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX).

Commissioner O'Rielly received his B.A. from the University of Rochester.

CHRISTINE DOBBY covers the Canadian telecom industry for The Globe and Mail. The Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing (Canada) recognized her in the beat reporting category for her telecom coverage in 2018 and for profile writing (with co-author James Bradshaw) in 2017. Before joining *The Globe and Mail*, she reported for the *Financial Post*, where she variously covered telecom, media, startups and tech. She also did internships at the *Toronto Star* and the *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal* in Saint John. Before journalism, Christine attended law school, articulated at the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto and practised divorce law.