

Who Owns What You Are Watching? Panelists
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Adam Thierer is a Senior Fellow and the Director of PFF's Center for Digital Media Freedom (CDMF). As Director of the CDMF, Thierer analyzes public policy developments that impact both the economic and social aspects of the media industry, with a strong focus on First Amendment issues. Prior to joining PFF in 2005, Adam spent four years at the Cato Institute as Director of Telecommunications Studies, and nine years at The Heritage Foundation as a Fellow in Economic Policy. His work on communications, high-technology, and media policy has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Investors Business Daily*, *Forbes*, *The Economist*, *Newsweek*, and many other newspapers, newsletters, and trade journals. Adam is the author or editor of five books on diverse topics such as intellectual property, mass media regulation, Internet governance and jurisdiction, regulation of network industries, and the role of federalism within high-technology markets. Before coming to Washington, Adam spent time in London, England at the Adam Smith Institute where he worked on reform of the British legal system. Mr. Thierer earned his B.A. in journalism and political science at Indiana University, and received his M.A. in international business management and trade theory at the University of Maryland.

Paul J. Boyle is Senior Vice President/Government Affairs for the Newspaper Association of America, the newspaper industry's largest trade organization, and has been with the Association in various capacities for 17 years. NAA has nearly 2,000 member newspapers in the United States and Canada, the majority of which are daily newspapers that account for approximately 90 percent of the U.S. daily circulation. Boyle manages the legislative and regulatory affairs operation of the NAA, which is involved in many different issues, such as: postal reform, the newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rule, advertising regulations, and the First Amendment. Prior to joining NAA, Boyle was associate director of government relations for a non-profit housing development corporation and worked for former Representative Tony Coelho. Boyle is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the Public Affairs Council. He is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara.