



COMPETITION, INNOVATION, & CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES IN HEARING HEALTH CARE

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Barbara Kelley is the Executive Director of the Hearing Loss Association of America. Hired by Founder Rocky Stone in 1988, Barbara has been a part of the organization's growth, beginning with editing the first issues of the *Shhh Journal* until most recently the award-winning *Hearing Loss Magazine*. Serving as Editor for the magazine for 28 years has allowed her to influence attitudes, establish lexicon, and give people credible, reliable and timely information and support, through the printed word. She has also helped manage the office team, served as Deputy Executive Director from 2008-2016, and has developed and worked on many of the HLAA programs. You can follow Barbara Kelley on Twitter @Bkelley_HLAA.

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KR Liu leads advocacy and accessibility at Doppler Labs. Over the last two decades, she's worked on disruptive tech products, from iPhone cases and portable power, to wireless headphones and smartwatches, and now, augmented audio devices. Diagnosed with severe hearing loss at the age of three, KR has made it her life's work to be a strong advocate and voice, championing new products that enhance the way we hear the world. She has been awarded a U.S. Congressional award; *Silicon Valley Business Journal's* Top 40 Under 40 and Women of Influence; and 2015 Women on the Move by *Women's Business Journal* for her advocacy work in hearing health and technology. Beyond her work at Doppler Labs, KR is also actively involved with industry organizations that are working toward tech innovation in hearing accessibility. KR is on the board of directors for the Consumer Technology Association audio division, the Hearing Loss Association of America, and is a brand ambassador for the World Wide Hearing Foundation (an arm of the World Health Organization).

Eric Mann, MD, PhD, has been the Clinical Deputy Director, Division of Ophthalmic and Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) since July 2008. Before that he was the Branch Chief, Ear, Nose and Throat Devices Branch at the FDA since November 2001. Dr. Mann has a PhD in microbiology and immunology and a MD from the Medical College of Pennsylvania; he has a bachelor's degree from Lehigh University.

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Jan Metzdorff has more than 18 years of experience in the hearing aid industry. He joined the Sonova Group in 2004 initially as a consultant for Phonak Japan before serving as Managing Director for Phonak UK in 2005. Mr. Metzdorff was appointed Global President for Unitron in October 2011 and sat on the Sonova Management Board from April 2013 – September 2016. In October 2016 he was appointed President for Sonova’s wholesale activities in the USA. Prior to Sonova, Jan held leadership positions as General Manager for GN ReSound in Canada, and Regional Manager Asia for the Hearing Instruments Division of Philips Electronics. He has also accumulated prior international expertise with Minolta and the European Union in Japan. Mr. Metzdorff graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (economics) degree from Copenhagen Business School in 1987. In March of 2017, he was elected to a two-year term as Director for the Hearing Industries Association (HIA).

Maureen K. Ohlhausen, JD, was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission on April 4, 2012 and was designated to serve as Acting FTC Chairman by President Donald Trump in January 2017. Prior to joining the Commission, she was a partner at Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, where she focused on FTC issues, including privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity. Ohlhausen previously served at the Commission for 11 years, most recently as Director of OPP from 2004 to 2008, where she led the FTC’s Internet Access Task Force. She was also Deputy Director of that office. From 1998 to 2001, Ohlhausen was an Attorney Advisor for FTC Commissioner Orson Swindle, advising him on competition and consumer protection matters. She started at the FTC General Counsel’s Office in 1997. Before coming to the FTC, Ohlhausen spent five years at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, serving as a law clerk for Judge David B. Sentelle and as a staff attorney. Ohlhausen also clerked for Judge Robert York of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims from 1991 to 1992. Ohlhausen graduated with distinction from Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University in 1991 and graduated with honors from the University of Virginia in 1984. Ohlhausen was on the adjunct faculty at the Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she taught privacy law and unfair trade practices. She served as a Senior Editor of the *Antitrust Law Journal* and a member of the American Bar Association Task Force on Competition and Public Policy. She has authored a variety of articles on competition law, privacy, and technology matters.

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