**Panel Outline: Navigating Net Neutrality: Legal and Advocacy Insights**

**Panel description:** Understanding and navigating the complexities of net neutrality is crucial for legal professionals and advocates alike. This panel will provide insights into the legal principles underlying net neutrality, recent policy shifts, and strategies for effective advocacy. We will also discuss the broader societal impacts of net neutrality, emphasizing its role in promoting inclusivity and equality for all, including LGBTQ+ individuals.

**Introduction**

* Welcome and opening remarks

***Part 1: Background***

**Net Neutrality Background**

* Historical context and legal foundations
* Overview of history and evolution of net neutrality
* Key legal principles and precedents
* Landmark cases and milestones
* *CLE Materials:*
  + *Federal Communications Commission, FCC Overview of Net Neutrality*, <https://www.fcc.gov/net-neutrality>
  + *American Library Association, Network Neutrality*, <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/net-neutrality>
  + *Comcast v. FCC,* [*https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/EA10373FA9C20DEA85257807005BD63F/$file/08-1291-1238302.pdf*](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/EA10373FA9C20DEA85257807005BD63F/$file/08-1291-1238302.pdf)
  + *Verizon Comms. Corp. v. FCC,* [*https://scholar.google.com/scholar\_case?case=17615388436478528143&q=740+F.3d+623&hl=en&as\_sdt=6,39*](https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=17615388436478528143&q=740+F.3d+623&hl=en&as_sdt=6,39)
  + *United States Telecom Association v. FCC,* [*https://scholar.google.com/scholar\_case?case=2044266357469379157&q=United+States+Telecom+Association+v.+FCC+&hl=en&as\_sdt=6,39*](https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=2044266357469379157&q=United+States+Telecom+Association+v.+FCC+&hl=en&as_sdt=6,39)
  + *Mozilla Corp. v. FCC,* [*https://scholar.google.com/scholar\_case?case=14265735163164690369&q=Mozilla+v.+FCC&hl=en&as\_sdt=6,39*](https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=14265735163164690369&q=Mozilla+v.+FCC&hl=en&as_sdt=6,39)
  + *Executive Order 14036,* [*https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-celebrates-one-year-anniversary-executive-order-competition*](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-celebrates-one-year-anniversary-executive-order-competition)

**Current Legal Landscape**

* Recent developments & current state of regulations
* Key legislative and judicial actions impacting net neutrality
* Analysis of ongoing legal battles and their implications
* *CLE Materials:*
  + *Federal Communications Commission, FCC Restores Net Neutrality*, <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-restores-net-neutrality-0>
  + *Federal Communications Commission, FCC Announces Effective Date of Net Neutrality Order*, <https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-governmental-affairs/fcc-announces-effective-date-net-neutrality-order>
  + *Akin, FCC Votes to Adopt Order Reinstating Net Neutrality Rules*, <https://www.akingump.com/en/insights/alerts/fcc-votes-to-adopt-order-reinstating-net-neutrality-rules>
  + *Electronic Frontier Foundation, Net Neutrality*, <https://www.eff.org/issues/net-neutrality>

***Part 2: Broader Net Neutrality Implications***

**Net Neutrality and Free Speech**

* How net neutrality supports freedom of expression online
* The role of net neutrality in fostering innovation and competition
* Examples of net neutrality’s positive impact, esp. on startups and small businesses
* *CLE Materials:*
  + *Federal Communications Commission, Chairwoman Fact Sheet: How Net Neutrality Protects Consumers & Speech,* [*https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairwoman-fact-sheet-how-net-neutrality-protects-consumers-speech*](https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairwoman-fact-sheet-how-net-neutrality-protects-consumers-speech)
  + *Jones Day, The Road Ahead for Net Neutrality and the First Amendment*, <https://www.jonesday.com/en/insights/2021/04/net-neutrality-and-the-first-amendment>
  + *Electronic Frontier Foundation, An Attack on Net Neutrality Is an Attack on Free Speech*, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2017/06/attack-net-neutrality-attack-free-speech>
  + *Yale Law School Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic, Net Neutrality: What’s at Stake and Why It Matters,* [*https://law.yale.edu/mfia/case-disclosed/net-neutrality-whats-stake-and-why-it-matters*](https://law.yale.edu/mfia/case-disclosed/net-neutrality-whats-stake-and-why-it-matters)

**Equality and Access**

* Importance of net neutrality for ensuring equal access to information and services
* Specific benefits for marginalized groups, with a focus on LGBTQ+ individuals
* Real world examples of impact
* *CLE Materials:*
  + *NBC News, Internet a 'lifeline for LGBTQ people': Advocates slam net neutrality repeal*, <https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/internet-lifeline-lgbtq-people-advocates-slam-net-neutrality-repeal-n830826>
  + *Lambda Legal, Net Neutrality is a Queer Issue*, <https://legacy.lambdalegal.org/blog/20171207_defend-net-neutrality>
  + *Them, Without Net Neutrality, I Would Not Be Trans*, <https://www.them.us/story/without-net-neutrality-i-would-not-be-trans>
  + *Advocate, Net Neutrality is Vital to the LGBTQ Community*, <https://www.advocate.com/commentary/2017/8/30/net-neutrality-vital-lgbtq-community>

***Part 3: Advocacy and Legal Strategies***

**Effective Advocacy & Lawyering for Net Neutrality**

* Strategies for legal advocacy and public policy efforts to support net neutrality
* Communication and collaboration between lawyers, activists, and policymakers
* Tools and resources for effective advocacy
* Legal tactics for defending net neutrality in courts and regulatory bodies
* Best practices for legal professionals in net neutrality cases
* *CLE Materials:*
  + *Common Cause,* [*https://www.commoncause.org/our-work/media-and-democracy/net-neutrality/*](https://www.commoncause.org/our-work/media-and-democracy/net-neutrality/)
  + *ACLU, What is Net Neutrality*, <https://www.aclu.org/issues/free-speech/internet-speech/what-net-neutrality>