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FCC Chairman Ajit Pai names ex-Deputy Managing Director Dana Shaffer Wireless Bureau deputy bureau chief/chief of staff ... Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune, R-S.D., announces promotions of Crystal Tully to policy director and counsel-communications and technology, Cort Bush to senior professional staff member, communications and technology policy team, and Brianna Manzelli, ex-Republican National Committee, joins committee as press secretary and digital director ... In Ballard Spahr's combining with Levine Sullivan First Amendment and media law firm effective Oct. 1, all of the latter law firm's 25 lawyers join the bigger firm; they include name partners Lee Levine, Michael Sullivan, Elizabeth Koch and David Schulz; plus attorneys Jay Ward Brown, Chad Bowman, Cameron Stracher and others.

Bob Litt, ex-Office of the Director of National Intelligence, joins Morrison Foerster National Security, Global Risk + Crisis Management, and Global Privacy + Data Security groups as of counsel ... Semiconductor Industry Association adds Josh Shiode, ex-American Association for the Advancement of Science, as government affairs director ... Zayo appoints Matt Steinfort, who was hired in November as executive vice president-corporate strategy, development and administration, as chief financial officer; Ken desGarennes remains through filing fiscal Q2 SEC 10-Q in February ... Verizon promotes Brady Connor to lead investor relations; succeeding Mike Stefanski, retiring, effective before year's end.

Dasan Zhone Solutions legacy Zhone executives co-CEO James Norrod and co-Chief Financial Officer Kirk Misaka step down; Yung Kim now the CEO and acting CFO; legacy director Richard Kramlich resigns ... Ericsson names Niklas Heuvelodop head-market area North America, which he was on an acting basis and now is acting in former role as chief strategy officer/head-technology and emerging business ... AMC Networks promotes Joshua Reader to senior vice president-distribution and new content partnerships ... CBS hires from Sinclair Audra Swain as vice president-general manager, WJZ-TV Baltimore, succeeding Jay Newman, retiring ... **Generali** Global Assistance adds Vladimir Poletaev, ex-Aspire Insurance Advisers and who returns to **Generali**, now vice president-global business development, Identity and Digital Protection Services.

KoolSpan adds cybersecurity experts Ron Gula to board of the secure calling and messaging provider for mobile phones and Mark Leveratt as vice president-sales, Europe Middle East and Africa ... FireEye adds Vasu Jakkal, ex-Brocade, as chief marketing officer ... Compass Datacenters adds from Balfour Beatty Construction Nancy Novak as senior vice president-construction ... NAB extends contract of President-CEO Gordon Smith to March 31, 2023; Smith's past contract lasted through 2019, a spokesman noted ... Dropbox adds to board Meg Whitman from its customer Hewlett Packard Enterprise ... Convergys taps Covad and telecom alumnus Robert Knowling for its board.

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