8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome

Shameka GaineyStaff Attorney
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9:30 Session 1: Cramming — How Does It Happen and What Is the Injury?

This panel will describe the nature of landline telephone bill cramming that law enforcers have investigated and prosecuted. This panel will discuss the ways in which unauthorized charges are placed on the landline telephone bills of consumers and small businesses, the kinds of goods and services that are being billed, and the resulting injury.

MODERATOR

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10:30 Break

10:45 Session 2: What Steps Does the Telephone Billing Industry Take to Detect, Monitor, and Prevent Cramming?

This session will examine the steps that industry currently takes to prevent, detect, and halt telephone bill cramming. The discussion will address the steps taken to keep crammers from accessing the billing platform, to monitor billing data and complaints to detect ongoing cramming, and to take action to expel crammers from the billing platform and ensure that they do not return. The panel will discuss how effective these steps have been in identifying and preventing cramming.

MODERATOR

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12:00 Break for Lunch — on your own

1:30 Session 3: Approaches to Cramming Prevention: How Are the Mobile and Landline Billing Platforms Different?

This session will examine the different approaches to third-party billing and cramming prevention between the mobile and landline telephone billing platforms. Do the two platforms differ in procedures for screening third-party billers, monitoring cramming activity, and taking action against billers who submit unauthorized charges? Are the mechanisms used to ensure customer authorization different? What cramming prevention mechanisms and best practices could translate from one platform to the other? What cramming prevention mechanisms and best practices would be difficult or impossible to adopt due to technological or other differences between the platforms?

MODERATOR

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2:30 Break