

Press Statement

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MMTC Statement on the Passing of Dan Brenner

WASHINGTON, D.C. (**February 17, 2016**): Yesterday, we lost a dear friend and giant in communications law and policy and diversity in the communications industries. Dan Brenner, 64, died after being struck by a car while crossing a street in Los Angeles. After an illustrious career as a communications lawyer, Dan left Washington in 2012 to accept an appointment by California Governor Jerry Brown as a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles.

A former senior advisor at the Federal Communications Commission, serving two former FCC Chairmen (Hon. Charles Ferris and Hon. Mark Fowler), Dan also served as former General Counsel of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association, and he was a former law partner at Hogan Lovells.

"Dan was a highly respected colleague and mentor to many of us at MMTC, and a powerful voice and advocate for minorities in the communications industries over many years," stated MMTC President and CEO Kim Keenan. "His spirit will live on through the momentous work he achieved in his lifetime."

"Dan was one of the strongest voices in the industry for civil rights and minority participation in cable. His dedication is reflected in his service for eight years as a member of the MMTC Policy Committee and on MMTC's New Internet and Telecom Policy Task Force," stated MMTC President Emeritus and Special Advisor David Honig. "We have truly lost a great one."

We will miss him dearly and offer our prayers to all of his colleagues, friends, and loved ones.

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About MMTC:

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecommunications and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for minority advancement in communications.