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Dr. Brian K. Staihr

For over seventeen years Dr. Brian K. Staihr served as in-house economist for various Fortune 500 companies operating in the telecommunications industry—Sprint, Embarq, and most recently CenturyLink. In this capacity his activities included testifying before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on various economic issues, as well as before the Federal Communications Commission and numerous state utility commissions.

He continues to work as a consultant for the communications industry; current projects include evaluating the efficiency of public subsidies for broadband deployment in rural regions.

Dr. Staihr also served as Senior Economist for the Center for the Study of Rural America at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. In that capacity he conducted analysis on rural telecommunications and the effects of deregulation. He has also assisted the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in investigating international comparisons of rural telecommunications deployment.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities at The University of Kansas Dr. Staihr has taught economics in the MBA programs at Park University in Parkville, Missouri and Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri. He has been teaching economics to graduate and undergraduate students for more than 20 years.

Dr. Staihr holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis. His field of specialization is Industrial Organization, including Regulation. He is a member of the National Association of Business Economists, and serves on the Advisory Board for the MBA Program at Park University.