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Mr. Powell is president and CEO of NCTA - The Internet & Television Association, and a former member and chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). During his time as FCC chair, Mr. Powell oversaw the rapid transformation of communications markets into the Digital Age. During his tenure, the internet came into widespread commercial use, as did smartphones, Wi-Fi networks and satellite radio.

In his current role, Mr. Powell leads one of the largest trade associations in Washington, D.C., representing the communications and content industries. Prior public service includes chief of staff of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense, and service as an armored cavalry officer in the U.S. Army.

In the private sector, he practiced law and was a senior advisor in a private equity firm. Mr. Powell also served on the boards of Cisco and AOL and is a trustee of the National Archives Foundation. His nonprofit board service includes chair of the William and Mary Foundation Board and America's Promise Alliance, where he co-chairs the Grad Nation project, an effort to address the high school dropout crisis.