JONATHAN ALTER MODERATES A PANEL ON THE BUSINESS OF NEWS WITH JILL ABRAMSON, MICHAEL KINSLEY AND JONATHAN KLEIN

On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, Jonathan Alter of Newsweek moderated a panel discussion, entitled “Looking Back, Looking Forward: The Changing Business of News,” with Jill Abramson (The New York Times), Michael Kinsley (POLITICO) and Jonathan Klein (formerly with CNN). The panel was sponsored by the Media Law Resource Center (MLRC) and was part of the organization’s 30th Anniversary dinner celebration. It took place at the Grand Hyatt in New York.

In commemoration of MLRC’s 30th Anniversary, the panel discussion was both a retrospective and prospective discussion of the news industry. The panelists, who each bring three decades of experience working in media, discussed the biggest changes they have experienced in their business over the years and what they anticipate may be on the horizon.

Jonathan Alter is a columnist with Newsweek, where he has worked for over 25 years. He is also a contributing correspondent to NBC News, and the author of “The Promise: President Obama, Year One.”


Michael Kinsley is currently a columnist with POLITICO. He has worked in cable news, print journalism and online media. He was co-host of CNN’s “Crossfire” from 1989 to 1995, and went on to found Slate in 1996.

Jonathan Klein served as president of CNN/U.S. from 2004 to 2010. Prior to joining CNN, he founded The FeedRoom, a broadband video company, and was an executive vice president at CBS News.

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