

## **MORGAN E. O'BRIEN**

Mr. O'Brien, age 55, serves as Vice Chairman of Nextel Communications, Inc. (formerly Fleet Call, Inc.). He co-founded the company in 1987 and served as Chairman of the Board from 1987 to 1996. Mr. O'Brien had been with the firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, an international law firm, from January 1986 to January 1990, where he served as partner-in-charge of the firm's telecommunications section.

Mr. O'Brien has extensive experience in mobile radio and is a leader in the SMR industry since its inception in the 1970's. He began his career as a lawyer with the Mobile Services Division of the Common Carrier Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission in 1970.

In 1972, he served as legal advisor for the FCC's Chicago regional experiment in spectrum management for land mobile services. By 1976, Mr. O'Brien was named Assistant Bureau Chief for Spectrum Management of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau and was responsible for authorizing the first licenses granted for SMR operation. He began then to appear as an industry expert at trade shows and has since published numerous articles about the SMR industry.

In private legal practice beginning in 1979, Mr. O'Brien represented major SMR operators in proceedings before the FCC. In 1982, he became counsel to several large applicants for cellular radio licenses.

Mr. O'Brien remains very active in the mobile radio industry. He is a frequent speaker at industry gatherings and is a recognized authority on all aspects of the SMR industry, including its regulatory environment.