

## Telecommunications Regulatory

### Related Practices

Administrative Law & Regulation  
Government Policy & Practice

### Related Industries

Energy Industry Group

## Overview

Today's telecommunications providers have to comply with increasingly complex regulations. Successful outcomes are determined by experience and knowledge of the constantly evolving regulatory environment. We have provided advice and representation for a diverse group of telecommunications clients and regularly appear before state public utility commissions, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and several other state and federal agencies. Representative matters include:

- Ratemaking and cost recovery
- Purchase and sale of telecommunication services
- Tariffs
- State and federal rulemaking
- Negotiating and drafting interconnection agreements
- FCC Licensing
- Regulatory business approvals
- Defending state and federal enforcement actions
- Defending E911 disputes

## Rural Broadband

We proudly represent new entrants to the telecommunications market. The FCC opened the door for rural electric cooperatives and other nontraditional providers to obtain federal funding to build robust broadband networks. New entrants face a complicated and evolving regulatory environment. Our clients rely on our dual expertise in telecommunications and energy cooperatives to navigate around potential problems and maintain compliance. Representative work includes:

- Obtaining Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation
- Regulatory compliance
- Negotiation of Agreements with third party VoIP providers

## Litigation & Appeals

Our telecommunications attorneys strive to explore cost-effective, out-of-court solutions for clients where appropriate. We often represent companies before state commissions and the Federal Communication Commission's Enforcement Bureau. Should a case proceed to the courtroom, we depend on our extensive experience and knowledge of telecommunications industry disputes to secure successful outcomes for our clients.

We have experience representing clients in many litigation-related disputes, including:

- Cost allocation of SS7 network elements

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- Allegations of improper universal service collections
- Defending confidential data submitted to state and federal agencies

## Speaking Engagements

*Delivering on the Rural Broadband Promise*, UTC Telecom & Technology Conference  
May 7, 2015

*FCC Liability Lurks for the Unwary in Mergers and Acquisitions*, Minnesota State Bar Association, Communications Law Section  
February 11, 2015

*Universal Service in the Broadband Age*, Minnesota State Bar Association, Communications Law Section  
October 8, 2014

*How Can Critical Infrastructure Promote Rural Broadband?*, Panelist, Critical Infrastructure Communications Policy Summit, Washington, DC  
September 15, 2014

*The New Cable Rate Regulation: Cable Act of 1992*, Michigan Municipal League  
April 1993