

Communications, Internet, and Media

Communications companies today face challenges that are interconnected and often global by nature.

Competition is growing, and the regulatory environment is ever changing. And the industry is increasingly reliant on cross-border transactions subject to regulations at multiple jurisdictional levels.

To deal with these and other matters, you need a legal partner that is just as interconnected with a globe-spanning network. Our international team of lawyers combines their knowledge across a range of practice areas into a single integrated approach. This, combined with our extensive sector experience, enables us to anticipate problems, develop strategic responses, and handle national and international disputes.

We work with network operators, service and content providers, media companies, equipment providers, and government bodies, and offer an impressive range of services. Our regulatory lawyers advise on spectrum auctions, licensing, and allocation; consumer protection; the Telephone Consumer Protection Act; regulatory compliance; security issues; procurement; and antitrust. Our commercial lawyers advise on multijurisdictional licensing projects, lease and network use agreements, interconnection agreements, and other commercial transactions.

Key contacts

Michele C. Farquhar,
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Areas of focus

- Broadband, Internet, and E-commerce
- Communications Compliance and Enforcement
- Consumer Protection and Privacy
- FinTech
- Infrastructure and Equipment
- Networks and Platforms
- TCPA
- Telecommunications and Wireline
- Transportation, Utilities, and Public Safety
- Wireless
- Spectrum

Content licensing and branding agreements are handled by our intellectual property practice, while our technology lawyers advise on metering and billing technology and on information technology outsourcing. We also advise on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and strategic alliances, handling both the corporate aspects and the associated regulatory and competition approvals.

Related practices

Marketing and Advertising
Strategic Operations,
Agreements and Regulation

Representative experience

Represented Vodafone on sale of its 45% equity of Verizon.

Advised XO Communications on regulatory requirements for its businesses in more than 35 countries.

Advising Gogo on U.S. and international regulatory and licensing matters.

Advising T-Mobile USA, Inc. in the US\$3.3bn purchase of spectrum licenses.

Represented the Association of American Railroads in efforts to resolve historic preservation review requirements required to deploy Positive Train Control.

Advising dozens of clients on the applicability of the TCPA Act.

Awards and rankings

- Tier 1 for Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *The Legal 500 US*, 2017-2024
- Tier 1 for Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *The Legal 500 US*, 2018-2024
- Band 1 for Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite, District of Columbia, *Chambers USA*, 2024
- Band 2 for Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite, District of Columbia, *Chambers USA*, 2018-2021
- Michele Farquhar Named a Hall of Fame Lawyer

for Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *The Legal 500 US*, 2020

- Michele Farquhar, Ari Fitzgerald, Trey Hanbury, and Mark Brennan Recommended for Media, Technology and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *The Legal 500 US*, 2020
- Michele Farquhar, Ari Fitzgerald, Trey Hanbury, Steve Kaufman, Randy Segal, and Arpan Sura Recommended for Media, Technology and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *The Legal 500 US*, 2020
- Practice Group of the Year: Telecommunications, *Law 360*, 2018

Latest thinking and events

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The Influencers Podcast: Ethical AI in Pharma: How Novartis Leads in Data Privacy

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The new bill of Italian Space Economy Law: exploring new opportunities and challenges

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The Influencers Podcast: Transforming Financial Markets with Digital Assets

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FERC rejects contested interconnection agreement for data center creating delays and uncertainties

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Democratic state attorneys general call for national ban on price gouging

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Security Snippets: U.S., Australian regulators release joint Safe Software Development guidance