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Counsel

Washington, D.C.

Biography

Arpan represents telecommunications and tech pioneers in deals, appeals, and everything in between.

Arpan's work at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) covers the full stack of issues facing the agency. In the wireless space, he is actively involved in spectrum policy proceedings, broadband infrastructure matters, and industry-changing deals.

Arpan has most recently represented key stakeholders in the FCC's 600 MHz, 3.7-4.2 GHz, 6 GHz, 12 GHz, and the millimeter-wave rulemakings. He also guides clients through the maze of federal and state regulations that often pose as barriers to broadband deployment.

Arpan also plays in the space where consumer protection and telecommunications intersect. He regularly guides companies through compliance challenges and regulatory opportunities involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), STIR/SHAKEN, E911, the federal Universal Service Fund (USF), 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA), federal broadcast regulation, and more.

And beyond his FCC practice, Arpan regularly provides practical, actionable guidance to leading Internet companies on broader cyber-law issues involving the Stored Communications Act, the Wiretap Act, the CLOUD Act, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, including the Stop



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Practices

Communications, Internet, and Media

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Litigation Services

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Industries

Technology and Telecoms

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., William & Mary Law School,
2009

Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA) and Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA).

Arpan previously served as in-house counsel at Sprint, where he oversaw a portfolio of high-stakes litigation and enforcement matters. Before joining Sprint, Arpan tried cases to verdict, briefed appeals, and defended government investigations at a leading international law firm.

Representative experience

Advising numerous telecommunications and Internet companies on the new Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act (CLOUD Act).

Advises broadcasters in complex M&A transactions involving full power and low power television stations and regulatory compliance.

Represents operators and siting companies in disputes involving the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Advising automobile manufacturers on novel legal issues involving “connected car” and other telematics-related technologies.

Representing T-Mobile in spectrum-policy and competition-related matters.

Representing telecommunications and media companies in FCC and FTC investigations and enforcement proceedings.

Representing the Competitive Carriers Association in its opposition to Sinclair Broadcasting’s proposed US\$3.9 billion acquisition of Tribune Media.

Representing stakeholders across industry sectors in numerous FCC rulemaking proceedings to reform the TCPA.

Representing the Association of American Railroads in the FCC’s rulemaking proceeding to streamline the deployment of wireless infrastructure.

B.A., B.S., The University of Texas at Austin, 2005

Memberships

Federal Communications Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

Awards and rankings

- Media, Technology and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast (Transactional), Rising star, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2020
- Media, technology and telecoms: Telecoms and broadcast: transactional, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Greater Federal coordination may not hasten 5G rollout
- News
 - FCC adopts new regulation of telecommunications in multi-tenant environments
- Webinar
 - SCOTUS provides TCPA certainty. What does it mean for you?
- News
 - Unanimous Supreme Court rejects expansive interpretation of TCPA autodialer definition
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 - U.S. Government urges Supreme Court to adopt reasonable interpretation of ATDS in TCPA case