

J. Ryan Thompson

Senior Associate
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Biography

Ryan Thompson provides industry-leading telecommunications and technology clients with solutions to complex regulatory and policy issues.

He advises on a broad array of matters before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and other federal agencies. Ryan's clients include wireless carriers, satellite operators, major tech companies, trade associations, and startups. Ryan's portfolio of matters involve spectrum reallocation, space station and wireless licensing, foreign ownership issues, license transfers and assignments, content moderation, semiconductor supply chain policy, telecom merger review, experimental licensing, and federal frequency coordination.

Representative experience

Advises a major technology company on cutting-edge issues involving content moderation, consumer privacy, and industrial policy

Developed regulatory advocacy strategy on introducing 5G rights in the 12.2-12.7 GHz band

Assists a major wireless carrier with developing a variety of advocacy materials for policymakers on the Hill and at the FCC

Devised a novel regulatory proposal for a major defense contractor in acquiring unique co-primary interference protection rights vis-à-vis new wireless



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Languages

English

Practices

Communications, Internet, and Media

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Industries

Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

Artificial Intelligence

entrants in the 3.45-3.55 GHz band

Advised a major satellite operator in developing and executing proposals to repurpose C-band spectrum in exchange for multi-billion-dollar incentive payments

Drafted comments for wireless trade associations concerning the status of competition in the communications marketplace and the future of the FCC's Universal Service Fund

Wrote amicus brief in support of an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States concerning Texas's content moderation law, HB20

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - U.S. AI policy heats up with new executive order and legislative activity
- News
 - Biden Administration publishes request for comment on kids online safety and privacy
- News
 - White House announces AI companies' voluntary commitments to address AI-related risks
- News
 - Artificial Intelligence may bolster FCC management of an increasingly congested RF environment
- News
 - FCC and NSF to convene experts on AI opportunities and challenges for networks and consumers
- News
 - Technology policy's next big challenge: Divergent approaches to regulating AI

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2017

B.B.A., University of Kentucky, summa cum laude, 2011

Memberships

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

California

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
