



Telecom

Constant innovation and the convergence of legacy and new technologies have created an active federal, state and local regulatory environment in the United States as laws and regulations attempt to keep pace with technological change agreements, capacity and spectrum lease agreements, telematics agreements, technology development agreements, satellite transponder agreements, site development agreements and pole attachment agreements, counseling on regulatory obligations and establishing compliance processes for telecom, broadcast and media entities.

The members of DLA Piper's Telecom group – based in Washington, DC – understand the impact such regulatory uncertainty has on your business plans, including your deployment of new technologies. We are committed to working with you to help navigate and shape a regulatory and commercial climate conducive to expanding your business opportunities, advancing your technologies and adapting to a highly dynamic business environment. Our team includes both legal and engineering professionals, many of whom previously held senior positions within the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Drawing on decades of industry experience, DLA Piper's Telecom group covers the full range of client needs – from regulatory and strategic counseling, to negotiating transactions and licensing agreements (both large and small), to litigation and defense of government enforcement actions. The group has extensive experience advising a broad cross-section of the telecommunications and technology sectors on a variety of regulatory, transactional and business issues, spanning traditional telecommunications regulation, emerging legal matters and next generation technology issues. Leveraging DLA Piper's global footprint, the group also offers clients comprehensive international coverage of all of their telecom related regulatory needs.

DLA Piper's Telecom practice additionally has extensive experience assisting the broadcast and content industries tackle regulatory and commercial issues important to their current business and future success. The group has advised and represented a broad cross-section of the broadcast, media and content sectors on a variety of legal, commercial and transactional matters.

On behalf of our clients, we have handled a wide variety of telecom matters, including:

- Counseling on regulatory obligations and establishing compliance processes for telecom, broadcast and media entities
- Investigations and defense in enforcement matters (FCC, FTC, CFPB, state AGs)
- Challenging adverse regulatory rulings (including rulings by the FCC and state public utility commissions) in court, including challenges relying on federal preemption

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- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
- Cybersecurity
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
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- Advising on FCC equipment authorization regulations and marketing and importation restrictions
- Regulatory obligations of broadcast and media distributors, including, media ownership and attribution requirements, closed captioning of broadcast and Internet-based programming, children's video programming regulations, product placement requirements, advertising regulations and data privacy issues
- FCC foreign ownership rules applicable to licensees and interest holders

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Recognitions

- *Chambers Global* ranks DLA Piper in Band 1 for Technology Media and Telecommunications
- *US Legal 500* ranks the DLA Piper Telecom group in Band 1 for both regulatory and transactional
- *Best Lawyers* ranks DLA Piper in National Tier 1 for Communications Law
- *Chambers USA* ranks the DLA Piper Telecom group in Band 2 for Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite in District of Columbia

Testimonials

"There is no finer telecom transactions team in the profession. This group of whip-smart telecom lawyers can opine on hyper-technical filings and turn around to offer keen strategic guidance on critical transactions. Their knowledge of the industry and the technical practice informs their guidance and support on larger transactions, to ensure their clients don't miss a beat. They give straight-forward, practical guidance and are always thinking holistically about a deal, always thinking ten steps ahead, to ensure the team remains on the right strategic path and is prepared for whatever may come."

"DLA Piper has assembled a team of thoughtful telecom lawyers who understand the industry like no others. They give clear, straightforward and rational guidance without much of the legalese. They take time to understand your business, your goals, your risk tolerance level, and your concerns. Their breadth of experience adds to the richness of their advice. They deftly move from the most technical of filing questions to the most strategic overarching telecom questions."

"DLA's telecom team includes several unmatched senior leaders who have attracted a team of up and coming stars among the junior partners and associates. The telecom practice is small, but mighty, and has the chops to handle 'bet the business' projects along with more mundane compliance and regulatory issues."

"The practice provides a unique combination of 24/7 responsiveness, in-depth expertise and deep understanding of how to achieve results through integrated approaches to the law, regulation and drivers for Government decision-makers. Their strength comes from having core members with over three decades of experience on cutting edge wireless issues; past Government service at the highest levels; and, engineering capabilities as well."

"This team of regulatory lawyers is superb. I have come to rely on them not just for their technical and legal expertise, but also for their good judgment and strategic thinking. The DLA regulatory team is incredibly responsive and on top of issues, unlike many of the other firms practicing in their area. They bring a deep understanding of the FCC, and state bodies, but also have important relationships and political understanding of these regulatory agencies."

"The DLA Piper Telecom Group has played a lead role in our transaction. They have advised on key deal issues. They secured FCC approval of the deal in the face of intense opposition; secured CFIUS approval of the transaction and assisted in settlement negotiations with federal and state authorities. Their unique capabilities were probably best reflected in their preparation of the key merger advocacy documents. The DLA Piper Telecom Group took all these inputs and produced an elegant, understandable and

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persuasive presentation."

EXPERIENCE

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- Federal and state regulatory approvals for mergers and FCC license acquisitions, including for some of the largest deals in the telecom and media sectors
- Finding spectrum and securing necessary waivers and/or regulatory changes for the deployment of new technologies
- Structuring and negotiating complex commercial agreements for the purchase and sale of telecommunications products and services, including master purchase and services
- Compliance with network security agreements/ national security agreements
- Spectrum auctions and compliance with anti-collusion requirements
- Deployment issues, including litigation and federal strategies to prevent unreasonable state/ local restrictions
- Access and service agreements for commercial and residential real estate including for broadband fiber and Distributed Antenna System (DAS) networks
- Universal service issues
- Spectrum leases
- Satellite and earth station licensing and market entry
- Submarine cable systems
- Fixed microwave and radiolocation services
- MVNO setup and regulatory counseling
- Public safety and FirstNet
- Truth in billing (slamming and cramming)
- E911
- CALEA and CPNI/customer privacy
- Broadband privacy and data security
- Cybersecurity
- Cable television franchising
- Use of public rights of way
- Private radio, aviation and maritime communications services