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Tony represents new and established satellite and communications companies. He has assisted numerous NewSpace companies, including many smallsat entrepreneurs, in obtaining spectrum and imaging licenses and addressing other regulatory matters for novel satellite services, such as radiofrequency sensing and geolocation; mission extension; synthetic aperture radar, hyperspectral and multispectral imaging; on-orbit transportation and deployment; Internet of Things (IoT); weather forecasting; and orbital debris removal. He also has more than a decade of experience advising traditional satellite companies that provide fixed-satellite service, broadcasting-satellite service and mobile-satellite service on regulatory and other satellite matters.

Tony advises companies on policy and regulatory matters before US federal bodies and international organizations, including the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). He is currently serving a second term on the NOAA Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES), which advises NOAA on the regulation of commercial satellites conducting imaging operations in space.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Telecom

- Advised numerous NewSpace companies on end-to-end satellite regulatory and business matters associated with novel satellite services, including radiofrequency sensing and geolocation; mission extension; synthetic aperture radar, hyperspectral and multispectral imaging; on-orbit transportation and deployment; Internet of Things (IoT); weather forecasting; and orbital debris removal
- Assisted a manufacturing company in obtaining a first-of-its-kind waiver of the FCC's radio-frequency equipment requirements, solving a critical supply chain issue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Advised a venture capital firm and its portfolio companies on a wide range of telecommunications and satellite projects
- Successfully challenged the FCC's decision to deny spectrum auction bidding credits worth more than US\$1.3 billion

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia

Recognitions

- Recognized by Legal 500 US as a Next Generation Partner in Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory (2021)
- Named by Legal 500 US as a Next Generation Lawyer in Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Technology (2017)
- Member of top-ranked Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite practice groups (Washington, DC), Chambers USA, (2014 – 2021)

Education

- Ph.D., University of Iowa
- J.D., University of Iowa College of Law
- M.A., University of Iowa
- A.B., University of Virginia

Memberships

- Adjunct professor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2020 - 2021
- Member, NOAA Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES), 2018 – present
- Treasurer, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, 2011 - present
- Co-chair, Asian Pacific American Affinity Group, Hogan Lovells US LLP, 2018 - 2021
- Co-chair, Access to Records Subcommittee, Federal Communications Bar Association, 2006 - 2007
- Treasurer, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, DC Area, 2005 - 2007
- Board Member and Treasurer, Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund, 2003 - 2005
- Co-chair, Charity Auction Raffle Subcommittee, Federal Communications Bar Association, 2003 - 2005

INSIGHTS

Publications

FCC publishes new cost-based license application fee schedules, but new fees will not take effect quite yet

26 April 2021

Information for companies seeking to take advantage of the lower applications fees.

Events

Previous

CSSMA Meeting

10 September 2021 | 9:00 am - 3:15 pm ET

Webinar

NEWS

Tony Lin joins DLA Piper's Telecom practice in Washington, DC

22 February 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Tony Lin has joined the firm's Telecom practice as a partner based in Washington, DC.
