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For more than 40 years, Mike has represented both startup entrepreneurs and industry leaders in telephony, wireless, international, and Internet issues. He has handled hundreds of telecommunications transactions, ranging from small deals to five of the largest telecom mergers in history, including T-Mobile's merger with Sprint. He has engaged in virtually all aspects of telephony issues resulting from the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Mike is highly experienced in spectrum allocation and wireless policy issues for both service providers and manufacturers. He is experienced in the full range of advocacy venues important to telecom decision making. Businesses turn to him when they are facing investigations of compliance forfeiture proceedings.

Mike has been internationally recognized throughout his distinguished career. He is singled out as a "Leading Lawyer" by Chambers USA, which has noted that clients praise him as "a highly experienced regulatory lawyer and an exceptionally creative master strategist", "one of the lions of the practice," and as someone who "knows more about the FCC, both at a procedural and substantive level, than any lawyer in the USA." The Legal 500 US hails his influence in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and public policy matters; notes Mike "is adept in wireless policy and spectrum allocation, and has cleared some of the biggest transactions in the industry"; and clients told this directory that the "knowledgeable, well-connected" Mike is "an encyclopedia on telecom law" whose "savvy and awareness of legal and political issues make him a real asset to the practice," "unbeatable if you're looking for guidance on an FCC issue.

- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
- Telecom
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

- OSTP-White House "Future of Drones" Workshop Facilitator
- NASA Spectrum for Unmanned Aircraft Traffic Management Presenter
- Appointed by the US State Department to serve as the US Representative on the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization Panel of Legal Experts
- Chief of Staff, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Chairman

- Legal Advisor for Telephony, International and Adjudicatory Matters, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Chairman
- Acting Deputy Chief of Litigation Division, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the General Counsel

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia

Recognitions

- Listed by *Chambers USA* as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (2007-2021)
- Named by *The Legal 500 US* as a "Hall of Fame" lawyer in Telecom Law in the area of Telecom and Broadcast Regulatory Law (2018-2021)
- Named one of the "*Best Lawyers in America*" for his work in Communications Law by BestLawyers.com (2018-2020)
- Named by *The Legal 500 US* as a "leading lawyer" in Telecoms and Broadcast Transactional (2020-2021)
- Named one of DC's "Top 100 Lawyers" (2012-2013) and "Super Lawyers" for Communications (2008-2018, Corporate Counsel Edition, August 2008) by *Super Lawyers* magazine
- Named one of "Washington's Best Lawyers" (2011, 2013) and one of "Washington's Top Lawyers" (2007, 2009) by *Washingtonian* magazine
- Included in Legal Media Group's *Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Telecommunications Lawyers* (2011)
- Named a pre-eminent telecommunications practitioner by Legal Media Group's *Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Technology, Media & Telecommunications Lawyers* (2010)
- Included in Legal Media Group's *Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Lawyers—Best of the Best USA*(2009)
- Named by *Lawdragon* as one of "500 Leading Lawyers in America" (2007-2008, 2010-2011)
- Rated in the top tier of regulatory communications attorneys by *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*, which notes that his high degree of specialization and 'in depth knowledge of the industry' contributes to his reputation as 'one of the best around' "Both he and the firm were described by a competitor as "very good—a high-class outfit" (2005-2013)
- Recipient of the American Red Cross' prestigious Circle of Humanitarians Award in recognition of his and the firm's assistance in obtaining the phone number 1-800-RED-CROSS (2007)
- AV Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell's highest ranking by peers for general ethical standards and legal ability
- OSTP-White House "Future of Drones" Workshop Facilitator
- NASA Spectrum for Unmanned Aircraft Traffic Management Presenter
- FAA Drone Advisory Committee subject matter expert on state/local legal issues
- FAA UAS Identification and Tracking Advisory Committee member

Education

- J.D., George Washington University Law School
with honors
- B.A., Yale University

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Past Chairman, Federal Bar Association
- Federal Communications Bar Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-author, "Understanding Arcane Policy Decisions About Spectrum," *Law360*, January 31, 2017

NEWS

DLA Piper wins TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that they have received the TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year for their representation of T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in the T-Mobile-Sprint merger.
