

David H. Solomon

Partner

David H. Solomon, former Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, is a nationally recognized expert on FCC enforcement issues. Mr. Solomon's practice at the firm focuses on media and telecommunications matters with a special emphasis on enforcement and other FCC adjudicatory proceedings.

Mr. Solomon has represented clients such as Comcast, Qwest (now CenturyLink), T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless, and others in Enforcement Bureau investigations and forfeiture proceedings involving issues such as network outage reporting, universal service, payphone compensation, Customer Network Proprietary Information, truth-in-billing, cramming, unauthorized faxes, wireless E911, tower siting, wireless hearing aid compatibility, unauthorized operation and unauthorized transfer of control, digital television disclosures, indecency, sponsorship identification, closed captioning, and communications equipment marketing.

Mr. Solomon has also represented clients in formal complaint proceedings and hearings before the FCC. For example, he represented Qwest (now CenturyLink) in successfully litigating two precedent-setting Section 208 formal common carrier complaints against so-called "traffic pumpers." He successfully defended Comcast in the first program carriage hearing decision by an administrative law judge and in connection with the Commission's adoption of the ALJ's decision. He was one of the lead lawyers representing NBC Universal before the FCC in the multi-billion dollar transfer of control of NBC Universal from General Electric to Comcast. Mr. Solomon has also represented clients in a variety of FCC rulemaking and other proceedings.

Legal 500 reported Mr. Solomon's "reputation as a 'go-to lawyer'" and quoted a client's assessment that he is "in all respects a professional and one of the few people I'd trust with my high priority work." Chambers USA quoted a client's statement that Mr. Solomon "has an encyclopedic knowledge of FCC enforcement precedent and statutory framework, and top-notch writing and advocacy skills." Chambers USA 2011 says Mr. Solomon "stands out as an eminent FCC practitioner."

As the first Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, Mr. Solomon designed and organized the new bureau, and led the FCC's enforcement efforts in all sectors of the communications industry. Prior to that, he served as FCC Deputy General Counsel and FCC Assistant General Counsel for Administrative Law. In these positions, Mr. Solomon provided legal advice to FCC Chairmen, Commissioners, and staff on virtually every significant FCC proceeding for more than a decade. For example, he played a key role in the FCC's implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association's FCC Enforcement Practice Committee (2005-2007)

FCC Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service (1996)



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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1981

EDUCATION

J.D. cum laude, Harvard Law School, 1981

A.B. magna cum laude, Harvard College, 1976

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
Communications & Video Accessibility Enforcement
FTC & Consumer Protection
Media Content & Distribution
Network & Consumer Equipment
Wired Communications
Wireless Communications

Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow, Harvard Law School (2003)

Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rating

Named to The Best Lawyers in America® (2011-2012)

Named to Super Lawyers (2012)