

Jonathan V. Cohen

Partner

Jonathan V. Cohen helps guide companies in the telecommunications, broadband and media sectors, as well as firms that finance these enterprises, as they evaluate and cultivate business opportunities in a constantly shifting legal, regulatory and political landscape. With nearly thirty years of experience in telecommunications and mass media policy and transactional matters, he regularly is asked by clients to appear on their behalf before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other executive branch agencies whose work touches their interests.

Mr. Cohen joined the firm in 1998 after serving five-and-a-half years in senior staff positions at The White House and the FCC, where his work warranted awards and recognition from a national legal publication. At the FCC, he was responsible for crafting rules to govern spectrum auctions, directed the FCC's first broadband PCS auction, formulated wireless competition and media policies, and spearheaded the FCC's effort to ensure that wireline telecommunications carriers adequately addressed the Year 2000 computer problem. He also served as counsel to the President's Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters. Before entering government service, Mr. Cohen practiced law in Washington, D.C., and prior to law school, he had a brief career as a radio news reporter in a major media market.

He is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and client seminars, and periodically writes columns for telecom publications.

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

One of 86 Attorneys Nationwide Named to the BTI Transactions All-Star Team (2008)

Recipient, Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rating

Member, Tech, Media and Telecom Policy Group, 2008 Presidential Campaign of Barack Obama

Private Sector Advisor – U.S. Department of State delegation to the World Telecommunications Development Conference, Istanbul, Turkey (2002)

Recipient of the "Hammer Award" from Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review for Reinventing Government (1995)

Dealmaker of the Month, The American Lawyer magazine (May 1995)

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association Committee on Global Telecommunications Development

Member, D.C. Bar's Computer and Telecommunications Law Section



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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1983

EDUCATION

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1982

B.S. (Economics), The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1978

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
Corporate & Commercial Transactions
Media Content & Distribution
Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity
Tower Siting & Infrastructure
Wireless Communications