

International & Satellite Communications

Wilkinson Barker Knauer represents U.S. and foreign-based telecommunications carriers and satellite companies with regard to legal and regulatory matters before the U.S. government. Our clients include mobile satellite service (MSS) providers, direct broadcast service (DBS) providers, earth station licensees (including broadcasters and teleports), earth station manufacturers, the leading satellite trade association, foreign wireless and wireline carriers, and foreign entities owning U.S. wireless and wireline carriers. The firm supports the day-to-day operations of its satellite systems operator clients and also provides counsel to companies seeking to gain access to U.S. markets.

Wilkinson Barker offers ongoing counsel and representation before the FCC, the State Department, and the Commerce Department (NTIA) in matters concerning satellite and terrestrial spectrum availability and spectrum allocations, licensing, foreign ownership, and other regulatory issues. The firm also helps foreign-owned entities secure U.S. government approvals to invest in companies holding FCC licenses, and assists service providers in obtaining from the FCC earth station licenses and authorizations for international Section 214 authorizations to provide common carrier transmissions. We also provide counsel regarding U.S. international telecommunications policy and requirements, cable landing licensing, and USF issues.

In addition, Wilkinson Barker assists foreign-based and satellite companies with commercial and transactional matters affecting their interests, including mergers, acquisitions, financings, and other contractual matters, many of which have regulatory implications.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ranked as a "top tier" firm by US News/Best Lawyers, Chambers and Legal 500

Advising foreign-based entities on U.S. entry requirements

Supporting satellite service providers in day-to-day operations and in matters before the U.S. government