

Christine M. Crowe

Partner

Christine M. Crowe has almost 20 years of experience counseling clients in the communications industry on a broad array of transactional, policy and regulatory matters. She has advised communications companies on numerous diverse transactions including mergers and acquisitions, asset sales, spectrum leasing, and financing transactions involving public and private debt and equity offerings, traditional financing arrangements, and private investments. In connection with those transactions, Ms. Crowe has drafted and advised on transaction documents, assisted companies in negotiations and resolution of complex issues, and provided counsel on Federal and state compliance issues and regulatory approval and notice requirements.

Ms. Crowe has worked extensively on inter-carrier agreements such as roaming, resale/MVNO, site lease, construction, management, and customer agreements. She also has negotiated several interconnection, UNE and collocation agreements on behalf of wireless carriers and competitive local exchange carriers, and has participated in state-run arbitrations and federal court litigation relating to such agreements.

Ms. Crowe advises clients on a variety of policy and regulatory matters affecting the telecommunications industry, including those relating to spectrum allocation and use, spectrum assignment through competitive bidding, and secondary markets. She has assisted clients in connection with spectrum clearing efforts, cost-sharing obligations, and efforts to transition incumbents from reallocated spectrum. She also advises clients on the limitations on foreign ownership in FCC licenses and on structuring investments and ownership to comply with Section 310 of the Communications Act, and has represented companies in connection with Team Telecom reviews of proposed foreign ownership structures. She also advises clients on various FCC reporting and compliance requirements.

Ms. Crowe has extensive experience related to FCC spectrum auctions, auction procedures, compliance with the FCC's anti-collusion rule, and the complex designated entity (DE) rules, including formation of DE structures and secondary market transactions involving spectrum subject to the DE rules. She has been actively involved in wireless spectrum auctions since 1995, and has assisted numerous entities in qualifying to bid, qualifying for DE benefits, and successfully securing licenses post-auction.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented Dobson Communications in connection with its acquisition by AT&T.
- Advised Intel in connection with its \$1 Billion investment in Clearwire.
- Represented several entrepreneurs in qualifying for designated entity benefits in multiple FCC spectrum auctions.
- Designed compliance programs for multiple FCC auction participants regarding the FCC's anti-collusion rule.
- Acted as outside general counsel for entrepreneur through start-up, construction and operational phases.



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District of Columbia, 1993

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EDUCATION

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Christine M. Crowe, cont.

- Represented winner of spectrum in FCC Auction 35 in connection with negotiation of settlement agreement between Federal government, certain Auction 35 winners and NextWave.
- Served as special FCC Counsel to wireless company in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding; negotiated settlement agreement with FCC and Department of Justice relating to outstanding debt on FCC licenses; advised in connection with several 363 sales under auspices of bankruptcy court, including negotiation of stalking horse and other sale agreements.
- Successfully defended challenge to nationwide exclusivity of large paging carrier on certain private carrier paging channels.
- Represented underwriters on FCC regulatory matters in connection with multiple public offerings, including a debt offering valued at \$2.5 Billion.

ARTICLES

- Christine M. Crowe and Mark D. Schneider, "Major Wireless Policy Developments - September 2009-September 2010." This article appeared in the 28th Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation, published by the Practising Law Institute.

ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITION

- Member, Federal Communications Bar Association
 - Trustee, FCBA Foundation
 - Co-Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee
 - Co-Chair, Transactional Practice Committee
 - Co-Chair, Access to Records Committee
- Member, Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia
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