

William J. Sill

Partner

Mr. Sill brings Wilkinson Barker extensive experience in both government service and private practice. Over a four year period Mr. Sill worked in the Mass Media and Common Carrier Bureaus of the Federal Communications Commission. While at the FCC, Mr. Sill was chosen to lead a multi-bureau Direct Broadcast Satellite Task Force and later was selected to become a member of the International Conference Staff.

Since entering private practice, Mr. Sill has established himself as an expert in the field of wireless communications. He represents telecommunications clients on regulatory, operational and transactional issues. Mr. Sill has served as telecommunications counsel on transactions ranging in size from single system sales to multi-billion dollar mega-mergers. On behalf of his clients, Mr. Sill regularly appears before the FCC, prepares and files facilities applications, negotiates interconnection agreements, and counsels both established and start up communications companies. Mr. Sill's clients include premier cellular, PCS, microwave, land mobile, and landline telephone companies. He does more than chart the regulatory seas for his clients, he pinpoints opportunities which arise from changes in FCC policies and rules.

Martindale Hubbell has recognized his accomplishments by awarding Mr. Sill an AV rating, which is the highest rating awarded an attorney. Most recently, Mr. Sill has spoken on tower siting issues at the CTIA Critical Issues Forum: Tower Siting (2004); CTIA Tower Siting (2005); the Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee Wireless Association Regulatory Round Table (2005); 9th Annual Tower Summit (2006); and PCIA Wireless Infrastructure Show (2006). In addition he has lectured the Federal Communications Bar Association on the Rewrite of Part 22 of the FCC's Rules and written numerous articles on wireless issues. Mr. Sill has also served as Co-Chair of the FCBA's Wireless Practice Committee.

He took his degrees from Temple University School of Communications & Theater (B.A., in Communications, 1975) and Temple University School of Law (J.D., 1978). A recipient of Presidential Scholar honors, Mr. Sill joined the Federal Communications Commission (Attorney: International Conference Staff - Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 1983; International Facilities Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 1982-1983; Mass Media Bureau, 1979-1982; Broadcasting Bureau, 1979-1982). Mr. Sill is also a member of the District of Columbia, the Pennsylvania, the American, and the Federal Communications Bar Associations.

ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITION

- Recipient, Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rating
- Member, Federal Communications Bar
- Former Co-Chair, FCBA Wireless Practice Committee
- Co-Chair, CTIA Tower Siting Working Group
- Speaker, Wireless, Broadcast and Utility Industry Conventions
- Author, numerous articles concerning tower siting issues



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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1986
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EDUCATION

J.D., Temple University School of Law, 1978
B.A. Temple University, School of Communications & Theater, 1975

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
Tower Siting & Infrastructure
Wireless Communications