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David retired from the practice of law in 2020. During his career, when communications companies were faced with a potential FCC enforcement action, they often turned to David, a nationally recognized expert in FCC enforcement matters. He provided strategic advice to clients navigating FCC investigations and complaint proceedings, advocated, and litigated for them.

His enforcement perspective and experience was long-standing and unique. While in the FCC's Office of General Counsel, including as Deputy General Counsel, David led the development of the FCC's Forfeiture Policy Statement and oversaw the internal review of ALJ decisions. He organized the newly created Enforcement Bureau and served as its first and longest-tenured chief, under chairmen of both parties. And he represented clients in more than 100 FCC investigations and complaint proceedings.

Representative Engagements

Successfully advocated against enforcement action in dozens of investigations involving a wide variety of telecommunications and media clients and issues
Represented wireline carrier and wireless carrier in rural call completion investigations resolved by consent decrees
Represented wireline/internet service provider and cable/internet service provider in merger condition compliance investigations resolved by consent decrees
Represented cable operator in privacy/data security investigation resolved by consent decree
Represented wireline carrier in Universal Service Fund/Lifeline investigation resolved by consent decree
Represented wireless carrier in 911/network outage investigation resolved by consent decree
Represented infrastructure provider in historic preservation/environmental rules investigation resolved by consent decree
Represented wireless carrier/internet service provider in transparency rule investigation resolved by consent decree
Represented cable operator and wireless carriers in billing investigations resolved by consent decrees
Represented chip manufacturer, LED manufacturer, and other manufacturers in equipment marketing investigations resolved by consent decrees

BAR ADMISSIONS

EDUCATION

J.D. cum laude, Harvard Law School

A.B. magna cum laude, Harvard College

Represented broadcast network in negotiating a consent decree to resolve a children's television investigation
Successfully litigated for a long-distance carrier two formal complaints against "traffic pumpers" and successfully argued in the DC Circuit as intervenor supporting the FCC's decisions
Successfully defended a cable operator in a program carriage complaint case before an administrative law judge, and assisted in defense of the ALJ's decision before the FCC and the Ninth Circuit

Honors

Senior Statesman, Chambers and Partners USA (2020)
FCC Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service (1996)
Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow, Harvard Law School (2003)
Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association's FCC Enforcement Practice Committee (2005-2007)
Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rating
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