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Russ is a committed analyst and advocate for clients facing issues concerning broadband regulation, artificial intelligence, competition policy, privacy, and cybersecurity. He views problems through a multidisciplinary lens, applying economic, technical, political, and policy acumen to legal arguments. A twenty-year veteran of debates over communications regulation, Russ is a frequent speaker on industry panels and webinars. He recently earned a Master of Arts in Global Policy at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, expanding his perspective and expertise on international technology policy issues.

Russ's devotion to digital communications technologies dates back to the early 1980s, when he became addicted to dial-up "bulletin board systems." He soon became the "SYSOP" (that's "systems operator" to the newbies) of the Atlantis BBS, a go-to site for those seeking a 13-year-old's opinions about the critical political issues of the day. Russ's interest in technology has endured, and he now uses social media, not dial-up bulletin boards, to drive discussion on politics and policy.

Today, Russ represents wireline carriers, mobile wireless providers, cable operators, Internet service providers, equipment manufacturers, private equity funds, and investment advisors, providing counsel and defending their positions before the FCC, the federal courts, and state regulatory bodies. Russ also serves on the Boards of Directors for two nonprofits focused on digital inclusion – Byte Back, which provides free computer training to low-income residents of Washington DC and Baltimore, allowing them to obtain living-wage jobs, and The Azadi Project, which teaches coding, digital film-making, and other new-economy skills to women living in refugee shelters worldwide. In his personal life, Russ is a devoted father, an avid reader, an occasional swimmer, and an aspiring photographer/ukulelist.

PRACTICE AREAS

Telecommunications and Media
Administrative and Court Litigation
Broadband and IP-Enabled Services
FCC Enforcement
International and Satellite Communications
Wired Communications
Privacy and Cybersecurity
Supply Chain Security
Privacy and Data Protection
Data Protection
Cybersecurity
FTC, Advertising and Consumer Protection
Internet of Things
Enforcement and Investigations

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Massachusetts

EDUCATION

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Amherst College
J.D., Cum Laude, Harvard Law School
M.A. in Global Policy, With Distinction (top 10%), Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies