

Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Special Counsel

Ms. Abernathy returned to Wilkinson Barker Knauer bringing years of top-level government and corporate experience. She was elected to the Board of Directors of Frontier Communications as an independent director in 2006 following her term as a Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission from 2001 to 2005. In 2010 she joined the company as Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs. She was on the leadership team that oversaw a number of strategic acquisitions that eventually grew Frontier to a Fortune 250 company. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of ISO New England, serving in that capacity since 2012. Prior to her term as an FCC Commissioner, Ms. Abernathy worked for a number of different telecommunications companies and law firms. She has received numerous awards in recognition of her professional accomplishments and has taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and Catholic University's Columbus School of Law.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
Electric Power
Energy Regulation
Media Content & Distribution
Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity
State Regulation
Tower Siting & Infrastructure
Wired Communications
Wireless Communications