

Michael Deuel Sullivan

Senior Counsel

Michael Deuel Sullivan has over 30 years of experience in FCC proceedings and appellate litigation. His work often centers on emerging technologies and services in a regulatory environment structured around legacy technologies and services. As a result, Mr. Sullivan regularly assists clients dealing with a changing regulatory environment through waivers, rule interpretations, and rulemaking proceedings. Mr. Sullivan also has extensive experience in FCC licensing and compliance matters and proceedings involving spectrum allocations, interference issues, and nontraditional uses of the spectrum. In addition, Mr. Sullivan also assists broadband clients with issues concerning whether and how IP-based services are subject to regulation.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Sullivan was Chief of the FCC's Mobile Services Division, as well as a staff attorney in that division, where he was responsible for the establishment of rules for cellular systems, the initial licensing of cellular service, the review of the Initial Decisions for early cellular licensing, and the subsequent elimination of cellular comparative hearings. He was also a litigator in the FCC General Counsel's office, where he handled a variety of complex communications cases in the federal appellate courts.

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Former Chair and Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association's Land Mobile Practice Committee

Co-Author (with partner L. Andrew Tollin), "Litigation before the Federal Communications Commission," the lead article in a collection entitled *Inside the Minds: Telecom Law Best Practices*

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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1978
United States Supreme Court
U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and District of Columbia Circuits
United States District Court for the District of Columbia

EDUCATION

J.D., Columbus School of Law,
Catholic University of America, 1978
A.B., Washington University, 1975

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
Internet of Things
Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity
Tower Siting & Infrastructure
Wired Communications
Wireless Communications