

Richard A. Helmick

Senior Counsel

Richard A. Helmick specializes in broadcast radio and television law with representation of both commercial broadcast clients and nonprofit educational and religious broadcasters. Dick's specialties also include common carrier, satellite communications, private radio, and intellectual property issues involving service marks and trademarks. He represents clients before the FCC, the Patent and Trademark Office and courts. Dick also represents court appointed trustees in bankruptcy, creditors and media in bankruptcy and creditor proceedings.

Dick's expertise encompasses many facets of federal regulations governing broadcast radio and television, other media and common carrier operations. He has represented broadcast and other clients in complex mergers, acquisitions and sales, licensing matters, FCC rule making proceedings and ongoing regulatory compliance. Dick is well-versed in the legal issues which arise in connection with the day-to-day operations of broadcast stations, including matters such as advertising and promotional acceptability, political broadcasting, EEO, technical compliance and programming related matters. Dick is also experienced in handling complex litigation proceedings before the FCC and federal courts.

His undergraduate years were spent at Xavier University, from which he graduated *magna cum laude* in 1964. He received his JD degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1971. In the four years between college and the start of law school, Dick was an officer in the United States Army serving in artillery, airborne and special forces units; he holds a senior parachutist rating, having made more than 40 military jumps. His first position after law school was as an attorney with the International and Satellite Division of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau where he was involved with authorizing international common carrier satellite and submarine cable communications facilities.

Dick and his wife Elaine are the proud parents of four children. Dick is past-president of the Washington Chapter of the Xavier University Alumni Association and is active in a variety of alumni, charitable and religious activities; in his "free" time, he works for Elaine around the house and in the garden.

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Member, District of Columbia Bar Association

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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1971

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Cincinnati, 1971
 B.A., magna cum laude, Xavier University, 1964

PRACTICE AREAS

Communications & Video Accessibility
 Corporate & Commercial Transactions