

Robert G. Kirk

Partner

Robert G. Kirk has been advising clients on all aspects of commercial mobile radio service for more than two decades. He has participated in a wide variety of rulemaking and adjudicatory proceedings of interest to the wireless industry. Mr. Kirk regularly appears before the federal courts and the FCC and has worked to secure regulatory approvals for many of the largest mergers and transactions in the wireless industry.

Mr. Kirk also has been advising clients on issues relating to Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") regulations for nearly twenty years. With the explosive growth in the unmanned aircraft systems ("UAS") industry, he has assisted clients on a wide variety of issues, such as obtaining authority from the FAA to utilize UAS commercially, advocating for business- and consumer-friendly UAS regulations at the Federal, state, and local levels, opposing state and local proposals to criminalize certain UAS activities, evaluating potential UAS business cases, and formulating compliance plans for UAS operations. He is actively involved in on-going FAA proceedings, as well as many local proceedings, involving UAS regulation.

Mr. Kirk is a recognized expert in regard to compliance with the FCC's enhanced 911, customer proprietary network information, cramming, and do-not-call rules as well as general FCC enforcement matters. His experience ranges from defending clients against informal complaints to negotiating consent decrees with the FCC in formal complaint cases. He has substantial appellate experience and has served as an expert witness regarding wireless telecommunications. Mr. Kirk also has conducted tutorials for a variety of clients with respect to U.S. regulations that impact wireless licensees and co-authored the Telecommunications Act Handbook, a Complete Reference for Business (Government Institutes, 1996), and Beyond the Telecommunications Act, A Domestic and International Perspective for Business (Government Institutes, 1998). During law school, he served as editor-in-chief of the George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1994
Massachusetts, 1992
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1998
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1997
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1996
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1996
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1995
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1994

EDUCATION

J.D., George Washington University
National Law Center, 1991
B.A., Merrimack College, 1988

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
Enforcement
Grid Modernization
Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity
Tower Siting & Infrastructure
Unmanned Aircraft/Drones (UAS)
Wireless Communications