

Communications & Video Accessibility

Passage of the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) has spurred extensive FCC activity in mandating and enforcing the accessibility of communications and Internet products and services for individuals with disabilities. Under the CVAA, the FCC is addressing accessibility rules for advanced communications services (ACS), telecommunications relay services (TRS), including video relay services (VRS), video description and captioning, audio captioning, and hearing aid compatibility (HAC) for wireless devices.

Our team of accessibility attorneys, which includes a former FCC bureau chief, is focused on assisting wireline and wireless carriers, equipment manufacturers, broadcasters and other video content providers to navigate accessibility issues before the FCC. We have advised companies on all aspects of communications accessibility law, including the longstanding rules that govern the accessibility of telecommunications services, TRS, and HAC, as well as offering strategic advice on evolving accessibility regulations. We also have helped clients develop internal compliance policies for a variety of devices and services, including Internet-based applications. For video clients, we provide strategic counsel and compliance guidance on issues including captioning and video description, both on traditional TV and online.

Our TRS advice has covered matters such as compensation methodologies and federal certification requirements for Internet-based relay providers, including VRS providers, as well as ongoing compliance requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and related FCC rules and policies.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ranked as "top tier" firm by US News/Best Lawyers, Chambers and Legal 500

Assisting clients to shape FCC's CVAA implementation and plan for compliance

Experts in HAC and relay service issues