

David H. Solomon

Partner, Management Committee Member

David H. Solomon, former Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, is a nationally recognized expert on FCC enforcement issues. Mr. Solomon's practice at the firm focuses on media and telecommunications matters with a special emphasis on enforcement and other FCC adjudicatory proceedings.

Mr. Solomon has represented clients such as Comcast, CenturyLink, NBCUniversal, T-Mobile, and others in Enforcement Bureau investigations and forfeiture proceedings. He has worked on issues such as network outage reporting, universal service, Customer Network Proprietary Information, data security, open Internet, rural call completion, telecommunications relay service, merger conditions, truth-in-billing, cramming, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, wireless E911, tower siting, wireless hearing aid compatibility, unauthorized operation and unauthorized transfer of control, indecency, Emergency Alert System, sponsorship identification, closed captioning, children's television commercial limits, CALM Act, and communications equipment marketing.

Mr. Solomon has also represented clients in formal complaint proceedings and hearings before the FCC. For example, he represented Qwest (now CenturyLink) in successfully litigating two precedent-setting Section 208 formal common carrier complaints against so-called "traffic pumpers." He successfully defended Comcast in the first program carriage hearing decision by an administrative law judge and in connection with the Commission's adoption of the ALJ's decision. He was one of the lead lawyers representing NBC Universal before the FCC in the multi-billion dollar transfer of control of NBC Universal from General Electric to Comcast. Mr. Solomon has also represented clients in a variety of FCC rulemaking and other proceedings, and in court appeals of FCC decisions.

Mr. Solomon has been recognized in Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers, the Legal 500, and Chambers USA. Chambers USA notes his "significant expertise in enforcement matters" and quotes a client as saying "he has vast knowledge of different problems and solutions" and, because "his client always comes first and he understands the government process," he is "able to get to a successful outcome."

As the first Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, Mr. Solomon designed and organized the new bureau, and led the FCC's enforcement efforts in all sectors of the communications industry. Prior to that, he served as FCC Deputy General Counsel and FCC Assistant General Counsel for Administrative Law. In these positions, Mr. Solomon provided legal advice to FCC Chairmen, Commissioners, and staff on virtually every significant FCC proceeding for more than a decade. For example, he played a key role in the FCC's implementation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.



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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1981

EDUCATION

J.D. cum laude, Harvard Law School, 1981
 A.B. magna cum laude, Harvard College, 1976

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation
 Broadband & IP-Enabled Services
 Enforcement
 FTC & Consumer Protection
 Media Content & Distribution
 Network & Consumer Equipment
 Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity
 Wired Communications
 Wireless Communications

ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association's FCC Enforcement Practice Committee
(2005-2007)

FCC Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service (1996)

Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow, Harvard Law School (2003)

Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rating

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