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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

FREE PRESS & FREE PRESS ACTION

VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY & GENERAL COUNSEL
POLICY DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, DC
FEBRUARY 2019–PRESENT
MAY 2011–FEBRUARY 2019

- Shape advocacy for broad portfolio of internet, telecom, media, privacy, and press freedom issues.
- Lead outreach to members of Congress, FCC commissioners, and other federal and state officials.
- Direct lobbying activities, grassroots organizing, and educational efforts of Free Press Action.
- Testify before congressional committees on communications law and competition issues.
- Appear frequently as expert commentator in print, electronic, and online media outlets.
- Oversee communications efforts, press responses, reporter outreach, and messaging for campaigns.
- Speak regularly on broadband and media topics to academic, legal, legislative, and popular audiences.
- Consult with campaign staff to coordinate activism with allies and activists.
- Coordinate and finalize legal filings with federal agencies and in appellate litigation of agency orders.
- Supervise attorneys and policy analysts; serve on executive team for national non-profit with 30+ staff.

MEDIA ACCESS PROJECT

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, DC
SEPTEMBER 2009–MAY 2011

- Prepared written comments and pleadings in a wide range of agency and appellate court proceedings.
- Conducted meetings with FCC and Hill staff on spectrum, media ownership and open internet issues.
- Provided commentary in media appearances on television, radio, and interactive web platforms.
- Appeared on panels at national and local conferences and seminars addressing communications topics.
- Counseled beltway partner organizations and national grassroots clients on communications matters.
- Supervised junior attorneys, staff, and interns working as part of a collaborative team.

HOGAN & HARTSON

ASSOCIATE

WASHINGTON, DC
JANUARY 2005–SEPTEMBER 2009

- Prepared analyses of broadband stimulus funding legislation and rulemaking proceedings.
- Oversaw regulatory and license transfer approvals for broadcast, wireless and cable transactions.
- Advised MVPDs on “plug and play” copy protection and cable set-top box obligations.
- Negotiated retransmission, cable carriage, franchise, and pole attachment agreements for major MSOs.
- Evaluated FCC spectrum policy proposals and rules in 700 MHz, AWS, BRS/EBS, and other bands.
- Filed comments in universal service, intercarrier compensation, special access, other wireline dockets.

DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON

ASSOCIATE

WASHINGTON, DC
SEPTEMBER 2001–JUNE 2004

- Prepared FCC pleadings for cable and broadcast market modifications and must-carry disputes.
- Obtained emergency alert system waivers for small cable systems shifting to digital architectures.
- Negotiated software licenses and broadcast-cable retransmission consent agreements.
- Researched various antitrust, Internet commerce, privacy, trademark, and copyright law issues.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D.

JUNE 2001

- *HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW* – Editor-in-Chief
- *HARVARD JOURNAL ON LEGISLATION* – Staff Member
- *HARVARD LAW RECORD* – Political Opinion Columnist
- THE CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT – Clinical Student in education and election law programs
- LEGAL SERVICES CENTER – Student Advocate in Community Economic Development clinic

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, B.A., MAGNA CUM LAUDE, IN FILM STUDIES

MAY 1994

- WKCR-FM – Sports Director