

Nathan Simington

Serving as Commissioner of Federal Communications Commission from December 2020 to present. Became United States citizen in 2017; admitted to Illinois bar in 2011; frequent speaking appearances at conferences, trade shows, board meetings, and investor events.

Relevant Experience

Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission—2020-present

Signature issues include broadcast ownership liberalization, integrity and function of Emergency Alert System, receiver performance and spectrum availability, orbital debris management, 5G-enabled manufacturing, device security, and secure transmission chains as drivers of public value.

Senior Advisor, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce—2020

Joined NTIA in May 2020; resigned upon appointment to FCC. Issues included spectrum governance, Internet policy and international relations in same, domain name system integrity, and identification of website operators for civil and criminal enforcement purposes.

Senior Counsel, Brightstar Corp., Miami, Florida—2017-2020

Joined Brightstar Corp. as head of legal for international device futures business, including international regulation and business intelligence; promoted 2019 to #2 attorney at company, covering global credit and financing (\$925 million in revolving credit); international M&A (managed sales of Canadian and Brazilian businesses); domestic device finance and dealer supervision, including design of secured finance program with \$5 billion annual turnover; led workout team leading to recovery of over \$50 million of distressed debt.

Associate, Chapman & Cutler LLP, Washington, DC—2015-2017

Securities and finance attorney specializing in representing issuers and underwriters in telecom, automotive, credit card, and esoteric bond finance.

Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, IL—2013-2015

Securities and finance attorney specializing in representing issuers and underwriters in automotive and esoteric bond finance; project finance experience in cell tower and solar power project development.

Associate, Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, IL—2010-2013

Summer associate 2010; full-time 2011-2013. Securities and finance attorney specializing in representing issuers and underwriters in automotive, student loan and credit card bond finance; tax experience in nuclear power development litigation and aeronautical fuel supply businesses.

Education

University of Michigan Law School—J.D., 2011

University of Rochester—M.A., 2007

University of Rochester—M.Mus, 2006

Lawrence University—B.Mus, 2001