

# George V. John

Partner

Washington, D.C.

## Biography

*George John assures today's regulation, legislation, and policy do not ground tomorrow's engineering, innovation, and investment.*

Technology innovation abounds. But the associated governance frameworks cannot keep pace. Established and startup companies, trade associations, and the investment community, among others, have enlisted George to overcome this imbalance and ensure their ventures take flight and flourish in the communications and space industries, including any potential overlap with sports, medical, or mobility applications.

He has become a go-to problem solver, advisor, and advocate. With his support, clients have maneuvered deftly through complex, patchwork, and sometimes inscrutable rulemakings, consultations, and statutory construction; licensing, landing rights/market access, registration, equipment authorization, and labeling; regulatory, technical, and engineering standards compliance; and enforcement when they are tackling radiofrequency spectrum, orbital debris, remote sensing, and other related issues.

What makes him unique are his numerous connections, deep industry knowledge, and prior diverse experiences. His current practice regularly engages US bodies such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Department of Commerce (including the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Office of Space Commerce), Department of Defense, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and US Congress; and other



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## Languages

English

Malayalam

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## Practices

Communications, Internet, and Media

Space and Satellite

Aviation

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Venture Capital and Emerging Companies

Private Equity

bodies such as the International Telecommunication Union, UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses for Outer Space, and foreign administrations (particularly in Europe where he lived during an extended secondment). Before starting his practice, previous career stops included a pioneering nanosatellite company and the FCC and FAA. Clients have secured expedited and often first-of-their-kind wins given his well-established relationships with and understanding of these decisionmakers.

## Representative experience

Helps pre-revenue and well-capitalized companies modernize requirements for RF spectrum licensing and auctions; Earth imaging; orbital debris mitigation; and government funding.

Procures RF spectrum licenses for satellites; earth stations; smartphones; sports equipment; medical devices; and platforms on airplanes, drones, cars, and other transport modes.

Secures experimental operating authority for industry disrupting technologies.

Obtains remote sensing licenses for Earth observation (panchromatic, hyperspectral, synthetic aperture radar, and other space-based applications).

Coordinates sharing of RF spectrum among commercial operators and with U.S. federal agencies (DOC, DOD, NASA, NOAA, NWS, and others).

Ensures investors make funding decisions that comply with domestic and international authorities' rules on RF spectrum use and Earth observation.

Participates in federal advisory committee meetings that develop the public views of the U.S. administration on permissible international allocations for RF spectrum and related regulatory procedures.

Served as one of the youngest U.S. delegates at ITU WRC-19, a treaty-making meeting, and successfully garnered international support for protecting clients' RF spectrum rights.

Mergers and Acquisitions

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## Industries

Technology

Aerospace and Defense

Sports, Media and Entertainment

Life Sciences and Health Care

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., American University  
Washington College of Law,  
2016

B.A., American University, 2013

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## Memberships

Member, FCBA - The Tech Bar

Member, Forum on Air and  
Space Law, American Bar  
Association

Member, Space & Satellite  
Professionals International

Member, Washington Space  
Business Roundtable

Member, South Asian Bar  
Association of Washington, D.C.

Member, South Asians in Sports

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

## Awards and rankings

- Up and Coming (Space), *Chambers*, 2025
- Recommended (Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory), *The Legal 500*, 2021-2025
- Recommended (Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactions), *The Legal 500*, 2022-2025
- Rising Star, Top Attorneys Under 40 (Telecoms), *Law360*, 2022
- 20 Under 35, *Space & Satellite Professionals International*, 2020

## Latest thinking and events

### Press releases

Partner George John appointed Chair of the Federal Communications Commission World Radiocommunication Conference Advisory Committee  
19 February 2026

### Press releases

Hogan Lovells advises MB Group to deliver sovereign connectivity to Oman  
03 February 2026

### News

Connected Life Brochure 2026  
15 January 2026

### Press releases

Hogan Lovells welcomes 2026 with partner and counsel promotions across the Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific  
06 January 2026

### News

America's New Commercial Spectrum Pipeline (Part 1)  
02 October 2025

District of Columbia

California

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## Accolades

George John is a promising attorney who is bright, eager to help and an attentive listener. He possesses a broad range of expertise, including regulatory matters, and is capable of expanding his knowledge to meet diverse client needs.

*The Legal 500*

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