

# Kevin G. Rupy

Senior attorney with considerable experience working with government agencies and industry contacts on a broad range of complex communications issues, including illegal robocalls.

## **Experience**

- Professional Experience
  - 26 years of communications policy experience
  - 14 years of association/industry leadership
  - 6 years of service, United States Marine Corps
- Regulatory Expertise
  - Illegal Robocalls
  - Telecommunications
  - Universal Service Fund and Connect America Fund programs

## **Results**

- Recognized as an industry expert in the area of illegal robocalls.
- Created and managed the FCC's designated traceback consortium, the Industry Traceback Group.
- Delivered expert testimony on illegal robocalls before the Senate on four occasions.
- Work with recognized policy experts at Fortune 500 companies.

## **Wiley Rein, LLP, Washington, DC**

### **March 2019 – Present. Partner**

Leads a nationally recognized practice focused on robocall mitigation, telecommunications fraud, and TCPA compliance. Counsels communications providers, analytics companies, and enterprise callers on FCC and FTC regulatory proceedings, enforcement matters, call authentication requirements, traceback, and industry best practices. Testified before the U.S. Senate on multiple occasions regarding robocall legislation and regulatory policy.

## **United States Telecom Association, Washington, DC**

### **November 2005 – March 2019. Vice President, Law & Policy**

Integral member of the Law and Policy Department at principal trade association for leading telecom providers offering broadband, video and voice services. Represents association before Congress and federal agencies including the FCC, FTC, Copyright Office and Department of Commerce. Develops and implements policy-driven advocacy on a wide range of issues, including the Connect America Fund, Universal Service Fund programs, pole attachments, intellectual property, consumer protection, and broadband deployment. Advises senior staff and association members on the public policy implications of legal and regulatory developments. Closely works with a network of external industry, third-party and public interest group coalitions to achieve favorable policy outcomes in domestic and international arenas. Responsible for developing policy and regulatory advocacy through several association committees, including those relating to CAF implementation, USF programs, pole attachments, wireline infrastructure, consumer protection, while also providing support in other legal and policy areas.

## **Keller and Heckman LLP, Washington, DC**

### **April 2000 – November 2005. Associate**

Senior associate in a diverse telecommunications practice group supporting clients on a number of legal matters with a particular emphasis on wireless communications, in both unlicensed and licensed spectrum bands. Formulated strategy, researched issues and drafted pleadings in numerous FCC proceedings. Achieved desired outcomes for clients in various FCC matters including extension of construction benchmarks for wireless systems and extension of video program access rules. Addressed wide-range of FCC licensing matters including license assignments and transfers of control, waiver

requests and enforcement action responses. Advised clients on various spectrum opportunities and auction proceedings.

**Mobex Communications, Inc., Washington, DC**

**September 1998 - April 2000. Law Clerk**

Assisted General Counsel of a large regional wireless company on a wide range of legal and business matters. Conducted legal research on a broad range of issues from regulatory compliance to corporate matters. Drafted and submitted comments to various federal agencies, to include the FCC and the DOJ. Coordinated leasing and contractual issues for hundreds of site locations throughout the United States.

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**McCarthy, Wilson and Ethridge, Rockville, MD**

**June 1997 -December 1997. Law Clerk**

Worked with senior partner of insurance defense firm on litigation issues ranging from defamation to wrongful death. Conducted extensive legal research, reviewed case files, assisted in the drafting of various responses and pleadings and drafted submissions to the court.

**Counterpart International, Washington, DC**

**July 1995 - June 1997. Material Operations Director**

Worked extensively with various federal agencies and private organizations to procure and ship over \$50 million of humanitarian assistance to the former Soviet Union and Republic of Vietnam.

**United States Marine Corps, Okinawa, Japan; San Diego, California; Washington, DC**

**May 1990 - July 1995; December 1997 - September 1998. Logistics Officer.**

Completed six years of honorable military service working extensively in the field of logistics.

- Awarded Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medals.
- Promoted to Major (USMCR)

**BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

District of Columbia Bar

Virginia Bar

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

**EDUCATION**

**American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, May, 2000**

- 2000 Graduation Mooers Trophy for outstanding trial advocacy
- 1998 Upper-class Moot Court Champion of the Washington College of Law
- Attended evening program while working full time

**Fordham University, Bronx, New York, BA May, 1990**

- Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship recipient

