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## EDUCATION

### Juris Doctor, [REDACTED]

Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ

Faculty Scholarship

Editor, *Seton Hall Law Review*

Bar Admissions: Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia (VA corporate counsel only)

### Bachelor of Arts in American Literature, [REDACTED]

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (NTCA), Arlington, VA

#### Vice President – Federal Regulatory

March 2013 to Present

- Lead NTCA's federal regulatory advocacy in front of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), National Telecommunications Information Administration, as well as various other federal agencies;
- Lead a policy team of one regulatory attorney and one policy manager in federal advocacy;
- Lead a two-person cross-divisional (regulatory, legislative, political action committee, human resources, IT, and executive) administrative team;
- Oversee aspects of a separate NTCA subsidiary in the cybersecurity space;
- Lead the association's advocacy at the Federal Communications Commission, including assigning responsibility for drafting pleadings;
- Draft and edits NTCA pleadings filed with federal agencies, and engage in *ex parte* meetings, on a variety of complex legal and policy issues;
- Counsel wireline, wireless, and multichannel video programming distributor operators on compliance with, and advocacy on changes to, federal regulations;
- Work with internal and external stakeholders – such as coalitions of state level advocates, consultants, association representatives, and attorneys to advance NTCA members' interests;
- Speak on a regular basis to NTCA and state association conferences on regulatory and legislative issues;
- Act as the lead staff liaison to the NTCA Technical Committee, as well as an advisor to the association's Regulatory Policy and Legal Committees;

- Counsel NTCA legislative staff on regulatory issues and work with that department on hearing testimony and the drafting and interpretation of legislation;
- Served as a voting member of the North American Numbering Council and several working groups;
- Serve as an alternate board member on the Secure Telephone Identity Governance Authority Board of Directors, a member of two subgroups, and as a member an ATIS working group;
- Served on two FCC Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee working groups; and
- Assist NTCA education staff on conference programming and speaker recruitment.

**The Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), Washington, DC**

**Regulatory Counsel**

**April 2005 to February 2013**

Drafted pleadings and engaged in *ex parte* meetings, on a variety of legal and policy issues, in regards to Federal Communications Commission rulemaking proceedings; counseled wireline and wireless communications providers on compliance with state and federal regulations; provided written and oral guidance on legal and policy issues to individual OPASTCO members; spoke to state association conferences on regulatory and legislative issues; acted as a staff liaison and legal/policy advisor to the Association's Board of Directors and the Executive, Regulatory Policy, Mobile Wireless, and Bylaws Committees; served as the OPASTCO advisor to a multi-association group task force and served as an *ad hoc* member of a number of multi-association working groups; led an effort to amend the Association's corporate bylaws; maintained the Association's compliance with Delaware and District of Columbia corporate registration requirements; provided legal guidance, in consultation with outside counsel, to the OPASTCO Board of Directors during a merger with another association; supervised the membership vote on the merger; led the shutdown of the OPASTCO office and wind down of corporate operations after merger was approved by the OPASTCO membership; and provided internal legal guidance and reviewed internal legal documents.

**The Law Firm of Latham and Watkins, Washington, DC**

**Government Relations Specialist**

**January 2001 to August 2001**

Researched and drafted weekly legislative update; prepared histories of statutes relevant to ongoing cases; provided research on a wide variety of legislative issues; provided administrative support.

**The Office of Congressman Fortney H. Stark, Washington, DC**

**Legislative Assistant**

**December 1998 to December 2000**

Managed appropriations strategy for environmental projects; provided research for health care policy staff; prepared vote recommendations; drafted speeches, press releases, and responses to constituent mail; hired and managed interns; gave tours of the United States Capitol building; provided administrative support.