

Office of General Counsel: Four Years by the Numbers

Agenda Review

Provided legal advice to Bureaus and Offices, reviewing over **650 Commission-level orders**.

Advised on communications and administrative law issues arising in **hundreds** of the over **5,300 staff-level actions**.

General Law

Worked with OMD to process nearly **3,000 FOIA requests**, **cutting the average turnaround** time nearly in half (23 to 12 days).

Responded to **thousands of ethics inquiries**, vetting **hundreds of candidates** for FCC employment and FCC advisory committees, and reviewing **thousands of financial disclosure reports**.

Transactions, Bankruptcy, and Fraud Accomplishments

Transactions

- Reviewed, analyzed, and advised the Commission on more than **35 applications** for transactions valued in excess of **\$100 billion**.
- Thoroughly examined **T-Mobile/Sprint applications** during seventeen-month review.

Bankruptcy

- Litigated and managed more than **120 bankruptcies** involving FCC regulated assets.
- Recovered over **\$5.1 million** for the U.S. Treasury and Federal programs.
- Negotiated resolutions to preserve service for **hundreds of Rural Health Care providers** in numerous states.

Fraud

- Assisted with prosecuting over **28 qui tam cases and investigations** under the False Claims Act and/or the Communications Act.
- **Recovered over \$213 million** for the Universal Service Fund.

Litigation Accomplishments

- Won (in whole or substantial part) **28 of 31 appeals** that proceeded to final judgment (90%).

Including *PSSI* (C-Band); *City of Portland* (wireless infrastructure); *Mozilla* (Restoring Internet Freedom); *Citizens Telecommunications* (Business Data Services); *Free Press* (UHF Discount).

- Successfully petitioned **for Supreme Court review** of Third Circuit's *Prometheus* decision.

- Successfully **opposed 10 of 11 stay requests**.

- Successfully **opposed 8 mandamus petitions**.

- Filed **6 amicus briefs/statements of interest** on issues of concern to the Commission.

RF issues (*Cohen*, *City of Berkeley*); T-Mobile-Sprint merger (*NY v. Deutsche Telekom*); AT&T-Time Warner merger (*US v. AT&T*); TCPA judicial review (*PDR Network*); and state regulation of VoIP (*Charter Advanced Services*).

Administrative Law Accomplishments

Agenda Review

Reviewed actions integral to the Commission's strategic plan, including those

- **incorporating economic analysis** more fully into Commission rulemakings
- **addressing spectrum needs** for and land use restrictions on rapid deployment of 5G mobile service
- **accommodating conflicting** satellite, wireless, broadcast, and unlicensed **uses of spectrum**
- **curtailing abusive robocalling and spoofing** practices
- **providing high speed fixed and mobile broadband** services to rural and tribal areas
- **ensuring reliability of 911, EAS, WEA, and other critical public safety services**
- **addressing national security concerns** raised by foreign ownership or supply of communications facilities and equipment

General Law

- **Internal agency responses to the COVID-19 pandemic**, including employee safety and telework
- **Advising on non-APA rulemaking process issues**, including ex parte rules, confidentiality, environmental and historic preservation, Paperwork Reduction Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, and Congressional Review Act
- **Providing advice on fiscal and procurement issues** related to lapses in appropriations, FCC auctions, the Universal Service Fund, and the move to the new headquarters
- **Privacy and information security advice** for major IT projects and the Lifeline program.

OGCers, 2017-Present (Slide 1 of 2)

Claude Aiken

James (Jim) Bird

Ashley Boizelle

Michael Carlson

Margaret Drake

Michele Ellison

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David Gossett

Vivette Hart

Shannon Hyatt

Natalie Martinez

Karen Onyeije

Carlette Smith

Lucinda Sprowl

Max Staloff

Jennifer Tatel

John Williams

Lori Alexiou

James (Jim) Carr

Sarah Citrin

Adam Crews

Megan Davis

Matthew Dunne

Lily Farel

Maureen Flood

Dwayne Hamblin

Susan Launer

Jacob (Jake) Lewis

Kim Mattos

Rachel May

Christopher Morgan

Scott Noveck

Grey Pash

Eldoris Pressley

Melissa Raggi

William (Bill) Scher

Pamela Smith

Thaila Sundaresan

Richard Welch

Susan Aaron

Larry Atlas

Ben Bartolome

Malena Barzilai

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Troy Byers

Patrick Carney

Theresa (Terry)

Cavanaugh

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David Horowitz

David Hu

Frank Inserra

Jane Jackson

Aliza Katz

Andrea Kearney

Sharon Kelley

Andrea Kelly

Douglas (Doug) Klein

David Konczal

Joshua Kranzberg

William Layton

Elizabeth Lyle

Marcus Maher

Richard (Rick) Mallen

Lee Martin

Keith McCrickard

Brendan McTaggart

Bahareh Moradi

Lauren Northrop

Linda Oliver

Tjuana Price

Joel Rabinovitz

William (Bill) Richardson

Christopher Santini

Laurence Schecker

David Senzel

Royce Sherlock

Paula Silberthau

Anjali Singh

Marilyn Sonn

Jeff Steinberg

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Elliot Tarloff

Joanne Wall

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