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Strategically positioned in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, Drew Svor serves as a member of the firm's Telecom, Space & Satellite, CFIUS and AI Teams, as well as the D.C. office's recruiting co-chair.

Areas of Practice

Advisor to Dynamic Industries

Drew is a go-to advisor for technology, telecommunications, aerospace, defense and infrastructure companies navigating today's complex regulatory landscape. With a keen eye on fostering innovation and growth while ensuring compliance, Drew provides strategic counsel to clients at the forefront of technological advancement, commercial investment and national security imperatives.

Experience in Action

Specializing in representing space and satellite companies, mobile network operators and cutting-edge technology providers, Drew helps his clients shape the digital landscape of tomorrow. His strategic and practical approach ensures clients stay ahead in dynamic industries where innovation is the name of the game.

Thought Leader and Speaker

Drew is a recognized thought leader, regularly authoring insightful pieces on emerging technologies and new regulatory trends, especially at the FCC. He is also a sought-after speaker at industry-leading events, including conferences hosted by SatNews, the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) and the ABA Space Symposium.

Pro Bono Commitment

Drew's passion extends beyond the technology sector. He actively engages in pro bono work, collaborating with Human Rights First to represent refugees in political asylum cases before USCIS and DHS.

Industry Boards

Drew is a member of the Washington Space Business Roundtable Board and the Law360 Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board.

Community Involvement

Outside of work, Drew enjoys rugby, running, traveling and is a devoted friend to cats and dogs alike.

Honors

- Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board, *Law360*, 2022-2023
- Ones to Watch – Corporate Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2024
- Recommended Attorney - Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *Legal 500*, 2019-2022
- Recommended Attorney - Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *Legal 500*, 2022-2023

Experience

- Developing comprehensive federal regulatory and FCC licensing strategies for a wide range of satellite and ground station operators, mobile network operators, MVNOS, original equipment manufacturers and investors in the telecommunications industry.
- Advising stakeholders appearing before the FCC in complex spectrum licensing and spectrum rebanding proceedings.
- Securing FCC approvals for mergers and public/private equity transactions involving satellite operators, infrastructure providers and telecommunications companies.
- Representing operators and investors before CFIUS and the “Team Telecom” Executive Branch agencies seeking approval for strategic transactions involving foreign ownership and national security-related issues.
- Counseling stakeholders on domestic and international telecommunications matters pending before the FCC, U.S. Congress, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and International Telecommunication Union.
- Counseling companies with respect to the evolving federal and state regulation of unmanned aerial vehicles and drones.
- Representing satellite companies navigating orbital slot, frequency use, satellite network coordination and operational aspects of the satellite services industry.
- Representing companies and investors who are targets of FCC enforcement proceedings and investigations.

Articles

- New Rule Expands FCC Jurisdiction Related To Foreign Media
Law360, 09.27.2018
- Why CFIUS Intervened In Broadcom’s Bid For Qualcomm
Law360, 03.20.2018

FCC Law Blog Posts

- “Treasury Department Proposes to Sharpen the Teeth of CFIUS Enforcement,” April 23, 2024
- “Enforcement Advisory: The FCC’s Enforcement Bureau Continues to Closely Review Provider Compliance with Affordable Connective Program Rules,” March 14, 2024
- “ALERT: FCC Seeks to Eliminate Digital Discrimination,” December 20, 2023

- "The Biden-Harris Administration Releases National Spectrum Strategy," December 1, 2023
- "Shutting Down the Cell Phone Scammers: The FCC Adopts Rules to Crack Down on Fraudulent Practices against Wireless Phone Users," November 30, 2023
- "FCC Launches Inquiry into the Risks of AI on Unwanted Robocalls and Texts," November 2, 2023
- "ALERT: The FCC Fines Companies \$20 Million for Failing to Safeguard Customer Proprietary Network Information," August 31, 2023
- "Don't Look Twice, It's Alright – The FCC Pulls Back the Curtain on Section 214 Authorizations," April 28, 2023
- "FCC Takes the Lead on Satellite/Mobile Convergence in the Single Network Future Proceeding," March 21, 2023
- "ALERT: FCC Opens Rulemaking on Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Licensed Spectrum," January 4, 2023
- "ALERT: Space Innovation Comes to Part 25 as the FCC Proposes New Reforms for its Satellite and Earth Station Licensing Rules," December 8, 2022
- "ALERT: FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel Announces Plans to Create a Space Bureau," November 3, 2022
- "The Many Layered Flavors of Broadband – The FCC's Proposed Broadband "Nutrition Labels"," April 5, 2022
- "Too Much Time on Their Hands – New Executive Order Limits Time Period for Team Telecom Reviews," April 7, 2020
- "Commerce Prioritizes Earth Selfies as It Seeks to Improve Remote Sensing Licensing," July 17, 2018
- "FCC Sets Sights on China," May 7, 2018
- "Chips on Their Shoulders: CFIUS Intervenes in Broadcom's Hostile Takeover Bid for Qualcomm," March 8, 2017
- "FCC Proposes Expedited Treatment For New Technologies," February 28, 2018
- "ExteNet v City of Houston: Who pays for access to Texas rights-of-way?," March 27, 2017
- "FCC Liberalizes Rules for Foreign Investment in U.S. Broadcast Licensees," October 17, 2016
- "Hailing on All Frequencies: The FCC Releases the Spectrum Frontiers Order," July 19, 2016
- "Patient Zero – Public Knowledge Seeks FCC Review of A New "Zero Rated" Service," March 14, 2016
- "Headin' Down the Copperhead Road – the FCC Proposes New Rules for Legacy Infrastructure," January 5, 2015
- "If They Could Be All You Wanted: The FCC Gets Serious About Small Cells," October 28, 2014
- "The Eleventh Circuit Reaffirms FCC's Authority To Coordinate National TCPA Policy And Ensure Uniformity Of Enforcement in *Mais v. Gulf Coast Collection Bureau*," October 16, 2014
- "Call Me Maybe?: The New TCPA Position Announced by The Federal Communications Commission in *Nigro v. Mercantile Adjustment Bureau*," July 7, 2014
- "Supreme Court Sides with Broadcasters in *Aereo* Decision," June 30, 2014

- "Once More Unto the Breach: the FCC Calls for Comments on Revamping Net Neutrality Regulations," May 16, 2014
- "Is Wheeler Gaga for Gigabit? The FCC Liberates 100 MHz of Spectrum for Unlicensed Wi-Fi," April 7, 2014
- "Sleeper "Small" Cells: The Battle Over The FCC's Wireless Infrastructure Proceeding," February 27, 2014
- "Regulatory Reminder: Annual CVAA Compliance Certifications due April 1," February 25, 2014
- "Auction 96 - FCC Prepares for Upcoming H Block Spectrum Auction," August 28, 2013
- "FCC Considers Proposal To Lift 25% Cap On Indirect Foreign Investment In Broadcast Licensees," April 22, 2013
- "Regulatory Reminder: CVAA Compliance Certifications due April 1," March 26, 2013
- "FCC Reminds Advanced Communications Services Providers and Equipment Manufacturers of CVAA Recordkeeping Obligations and Compliance Certification," February 12, 2013

Global Trade Law Blog Posts

- "FIRRMA Takes Form as CFIUS Enacts a New Pilot Program Targeting 'Critical Technologies'," October 11, 2018
- "FCC's Foreign Media Reporting Requirements: Extension of FARA or New Domain?," September 20, 2018

Government Contracts & Investigations Blog Posts

- "The Next Frontier: Key Takeaways from the New U.S. Government Commercial Space Strategies," April 29, 2024

Media Mentions

Law360's 2023 Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board
Law360, 08.22.2023

Law360's 2022 Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board
Law360, 04.29.2022

Law360: DC Circ. Partly Strikes Down FCC's TCPA Expansion
03.16.2018

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, Federal Communications Bar Association CFIUS event, November 7, 2017
- Speaker, Space Law Symposium, ABA Forum on Air & Space Law, Washington, D.C., June 8, 2016

Events

Smallsat Symposium 2024
Silicon Valley, CA, February 6-8, 2024

SmallSat Symposium 2023 – Beyond Imagery: EO Sensors Enabling Radio Frequency Analysis, Methane Detection, Weather etc.

02.09.2023

Satellite Reception in Paris

Daroco, Paris

09.11.2018

Satellite 2018 Reception

Washington, D.C.

03.14.2018

Memberships

- Member, Virginia Bar Association
- Member, Young Lawyers Division, American Bar Association
- Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Practices

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Technology Transactions

Governmental Practice

Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)

International Trade and Investment

CFIUS: Foreign Investment in the U.S.

Industries

Aerospace & Defense

Artificial Intelligence

Entertainment, Technology and Advertising

Space & Satellite

Telecom

Education

J.D., Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, 2012, *cum laude*

B.A., University of Virginia, 2003

Admissions

Virginia

District of Columbia