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PRACTICES

Telecom

Issues and Appeals

Artificial Intelligence
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Technologies

EDUCATION

Georgetown University
Law Center, J.D., magna
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University of Texas at
Austin, B.A., high
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ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Texas

Supreme Court of the
United States

U.S. Court of Appeals
for the DC Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals
for the Third Circuit

Austin helps clients navigate the toughest challenges in technology and telecommunications law.   As a regulatory strategist, she guides organizations and businesses through an evolving regulatory landscape by engaging policymakers and building coalitions. She has advised clients on regulatory actions at the FCC and other federal agencies, with a focus on internet regulation, spectrum issues, accessibility, and broadband. As a trusted advisor, Austin partners with product and engineering teams to confidently manage legal risks at the early stages of design   even when their technologies have outpaced the law.   As an appellate advocate, shehas a proven track record of translating complex technical issues for judges.

Before returning to private practice, Austin held senior roles at the White House and the FCC.   As Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy U.S. Chief Technology Officer for Policy, she spearheaded a wide range of White House initiatives on technology, telecommunications, and artificial intelligence   including the National Spectrum Strategy, communications security and reliability, national security issues, and competition.   She also served as the inaugural Vice Chair of the Chief AI Officers Council and the Deputy Director of the National AI Initiative Office, aligning AI efforts across the federal government and facilitating transformative AI applications within federal agencies. At the FCC, Austin advised Commissioner Geoffrey Starks on wireline, public safety, and national security issues and served as his Acting Chief of Staff.

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