

Partner

## Julie A. Veach

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### PRACTICES

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Telecom

Audits and Enforcement

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Wireline + Subsidy Programs

### EDUCATION

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Indiana University Maurer School of Law –  
Bloomington, J.D., magna cum laude

Purdue University, B.A.

### ADMISSIONS

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District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of  
Columbia

Julie Veach, former Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Wireline Competition Bureau, focuses her practice on telecommunications regulation, universal service, Internet and cloud communications, and communications industry transactions.

As Chief of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau, Julie led efforts to modify and implement universal service policy for the broadband era, redefine broadband to reflect modern technology and usage, and prepare and implement dozens of other orders. During her more than 14 year tenure at the FCC, Julie held numerous positions that provided her with extensive experience across the industry. In addition to serving as Chief of the Wireline Competitions Bureau, she served as Deputy General Counsel, providing legal advice across the agency on wireline, wireless, consumer, and public safety issues. She also served in a variety of positions in the Wireline Competition Bureau, building a deep understanding of broadband and VoIP issues.

Julie has testified before Congress and spoken at many industry conventions and meetings.

#### **Communications Regulation and Compliance**

Julie advises wireline, wireless, TRS, and VoIP and cloud-based service providers with respect to a wide range of regulatory issues, from universal service and intercarrier compensation to marketing, broadband reporting requirements, numbering, porting, and privacy. Her extensive prior work at the FCC positions her to help clients understand applicable requirements and develop compliance strategies. She also advocates these issues at the FCC on behalf of her clients in the context of rulemakings, transactions, and other proceedings.

#### **Universal Service**

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Julie has an extensive knowledge of the FCC's universal service programs, including the Connect America Fund, the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) program, Lifeline, and the Rural Healthcare Program, as well as the contributions requirements. She routinely advises clients on compliance and advocates at the FCC on their behalf.

### **Mergers and Transactions**

Julie guides clients through the transaction review process at the FCC, filing applications and persuasively advocating timely FCC approval.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

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- Strategized with new entrant to develop compliant but lightly-regulated voice and data offerings.
- Guided larger, regulated service provider through the regulatory steps for its transactions involving multiple types of federal and state licenses and authorizations.
- Assisted major universal service recipient to recover millions in withheld universal service support and implement plan to avoid future withholdings.
- Successfully advocated at the FCC for new rules that increase and extend universal service support for areas lacking adequate fixed and mobile service.

## RECOGNITION

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Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® for Communications Law (2019-2024)

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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### Professional Affiliations

- Federal Communications Bar Association (2024)
  - Member, Executive Committee (2024-present)
  - Co-Chair, Judicial Practice Committee (2022-2023)
  - Co-Chair, Wireline Committee (2017-2022)

### Firm Involvement

- Executive Committee (2019-2021)

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- Compensation Committee (2018, 2021-2022)
- Hiring Committee (2019-2023)

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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### Publications

- "FCC Requires All Wireless Handsets to be Hearing Aid Compatible," HWG LLP Advisory, (October, 2024)
- "FCC Issues New Rules and a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on E-Rate Support for Mobile Hotspots for Off-Premises Use," HWG LLP Advisory, (August, 2024)
- "FCC Proposes to Strengthen Robocall and Robotext Rules On Revocation of Consent and Wireless Carrier Calls to Subscribers," HWG LLP Advisory, (June, 2023)
- "Getting the Deal Through," (US Chapter), Telecoms & Media 2018, Co-Author (December, 2018)

### Presentations and Lectures

- "USF Reform is Urgent: How Do We Get There?" (Panelist), AnchorNETS 10th Annual SHLB Conference (October, 2022)
- "Digital Opportunity Data Collection," (Panel Moderator), Federal Communications Bar Association (March, 2021)