

Partner

## Kristine L. Devine

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### PRACTICES

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Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Telecom

Privacy, Marketing, and Data Security

Transactions

Wireless

### EDUCATION

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Northwestern University School of Law, J.D.,  
cum laude

University of the South, B.A., summa cum laude

### ADMISSIONS

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District of Columbia

Texas

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Tax Court

Kristine Devine represents clients in communications-related transactions and negotiations as well as private company mergers and acquisitions.

#### **Communications Agreements and Transactions**

Kristine has extensive experience preparing and negotiating commercial agreements for communications, broadband, and subsea cable companies, and assisting clients in obtaining federal, state, and local regulatory approvals for transactions. She has represented clients negotiating utility pole attachment agreements, subsea cable landing and IRU agreements, joint trench agreements, dark fiber leases, wireless tower leases, and transition services agreements related to mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures. Kristine also represents private companies engaged in mergers, acquisitions, and other business combinations in the cable and satellite programming, television and radio, information technology, and public relations and advertising industries.

#### **Regulatory Advocacy and Compliance**

Kristine counsels and advises clients on a variety of regulatory issues before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), other federal agencies, and state regulatory bodies. She also assists clients in developing and implementing regulatory compliance strategies.

Kristine has represented wireless carriers, interconnected VoIP providers, broadband providers, and other clients in FCC rulemaking proceedings related to emergency communications, network resiliency, broadband deployment, universal service, disabilities access, numbering rights, and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. She has extensive experience assisting clients in meeting their compliance obligations related to emergency communications, STIR/SHAKEN and robocall mitigation, Universal Service Fund contributions, the Communications and Video Accessibility Act, privacy regulations, and Internet-related consumer protection regulations.

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Kristine currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Federal Communications Bar Association's Texas Chapter.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

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- Represented a programming distributor in obtaining regulatory approvals for its spin-off from its previous corporate parent.
- Represented a global marketing and communications group in the acquisitions of four brand and digital advertising companies over an eight-month period.
- Advised The Stagwell Group in its \$100 million investment in MDC Partners, Inc. through the purchase of \$50 million in MDC Partners, Inc. common shares and \$50 million non-voting convertible preference shares.
- Advised The Stagwell Group in its acquisition of B2B digital marketer MultiView, Inc. from Warburg Pincus.
- Represented National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation in obtaining regulatory approvals from the FCC and the governments of the U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, and St. Maarten for the sale of Innovative Companies' fixed and mobile telecommunications and cable television businesses to ATN International, Inc.

### RECOGNITION

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- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers in Washington, D.C. (2024)
  - Rising Star (2017-2018)
- Recognized by The Legal 500 as a Next Generation Partner in U.S. Telecom and Media (2020)

### PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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#### Professional Affiliations

- Federal Communications Bar Association Texas Chapter, Co-Chair (2024 - 2025, 2025 - 2026)
- Austin Young Lawyers Association Leadership Academy, Participant (2018)

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## Pro Bono and Community Involvement

- KnowledgeNet Austin Chapter, Co-Chair (2018 - 2019)

## Firm Involvement

- Executive Committee, Member (2020 - 2022)

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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### Publications

- "Client Advisory on the FCC's Enforcement of the Know Your Customer Rule Against Telnyx," HWG Advisory (February 2025)
- "FCC Adopts Rules Requiring Georouting for All Wireless Calls to 988 ," HWG Advisory (October 2024)
- "CPUC Issues Sweeping Proposed Decision on Interconnected VoIP Providers," HWG Advisory (September 2024)
- "FCC Issues Next Generation 911 Rules," HWG Advisory (September 2024)
- "The Impact of the FCC's Proposed Order Reclassifying Broadband," HWG Advisory (April 2024)
- "FCC Proposes Changes to its Accessibility Requirements for Interoperable Video Conferencing Services," HWG Advisory (June 2023)
- "FCC Extends STIR/SHAKEN Obligations to Intermediate Providers and Adopts New Requirements on All Providers," HWG Advisory (April 2023)
- "Getting the Deal Through," (US Chapter), Telecoms & Media 2018 , Co-Author (December 2018)
- "The Year in Wireline Communications Regulation - September 2010 to September 2011," The Practicing Law Institute ( December 2011)
- "Preserving Competition in Multi-Sided Innovative Markets," North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology (January 2009)

### Presentations and Lectures

- "Getting Your Bills Right: Real World Help with Telecom Tax and Fee Line Items," (Panelist), Telestrategies-Telecommunications Taxation (May 2023, May 2024, May 2025)

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- "Restoring Freedom: Understanding the Mozilla Opinion and What it Means Going Forward," (Presenter), Federal Communications Bar Association CLE (November 2019)

## Media Coverage

- Quoted in "FCC's Set-Top Compromise Offers Promising Way Forward," Law360 (September 2016)
- Quoted in "Obama's Set-Top Box Move Is Latest Attempt At FCC Meddling," Law360 (April 2016)