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PRACTICES

Telecom

Satellite + Commercial Space

Issues and Appeals

Transactions

Wireless

Internet of Things

Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., magna cum laude

University of Virginia, B.A., high distinction

Paul Caritj is a partner at HWG LLP, where he practices in the areas of communications and appellate litigation.

Paul advises clients regarding the regulatory dimensions of new transactions and business ventures and advocates for clients' strategic interests in proceedings affecting domestic and international spectrum regulation.

Commercial Space

- Represents satellite space- and earth-station operators as well as launch-services providers throughout the FCC licensing process.
- Advises commercial space entities regarding orbital debris and spectrum sharing issues.
- Counsels operators regarding spectrum sharing with federal agencies and the federal spectrum coordination process.

Communications

- Provides advice to Wi-Fi providers and other unlicensed stakeholders regarding a diverse range of spectrum policy issues, including new spectrum opportunities, protection of existing unlicensed technologies from interference, and other threats to the unlicensed/Wi-Fi ecosystem.
- Successfully advocated for FCC rules authorizing Wi-Fi and other unlicensed technologies in multiple new spectrum bands.
- Successfully advocated on behalf of a major Wi-Fi stakeholder in a novel FCC rulemaking about the ability of property owners to interfere with Wi-Fi devices on their property.
- Counsels clients on a number of issues relating to spectrum auctions, including advocacy and advice relating to auction design, strategies for understanding likely auction outcomes, and auction participation.

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- Advises and advocates on behalf of clients pursuing new and innovative uses of spectrum, including advice regarding compliance with existing rules, experimental licenses, waivers of FCC rules, and rulemakings.

Appellate Litigation

- Advises clients regarding issue preservation and appellate strategy during the FCC rulemaking process.
- Represents clients in both challenging adverse agency decisions, supporting the agency, and in defending favorable agency decisions in court.

Prior to joining HWG, Paul clerked for the Honorable Allyson K. Duncan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the Honorable Thomas P. Griesa of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Paul received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School. He served as the Managing Notes Editor of the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform, receiving the Louis Honigman Memorial Award for the greatest contribution to the publication that year. Paul also served as a Lead Article Editor of the University of Michigan Journal of Private Equity and Venture Capital Law (now known as the Michigan Business & Entrepreneurial Law Review).

Prior to joining the legal industry, Paul was an entrepreneur founding a business intelligence and information technology consulting firm as well as a provider of back-office equipment and management services to wireless Internet service providers.