

SAMUEL L. FEDER (SAM), Managing Partner, Washington, DC

Samuel (Sam) Feder is managing partner of the firm's DC office and co-chair of the Communications, Internet & Technology Practice. He represents cable, telecom, media and technology companies in a wide variety of matters including litigation, proceedings before regulatory agencies and transactions. Mr. Feder's practice is enhanced by the knowledge and experience gained from serving as General Counsel to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and, before that, as a senior legal and policy advisor to two FCC Commissioners.

Mr. Feder has been named among the top lawyers in his field by *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, *Washingtonian*, *Washington DC Super Lawyers*, and *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a member of the Media and First Amendment Practice and the firm's Policy Committee.

Mr. Feder has represented clients on numerous significant matters before the FCC, including net neutrality, broadband classification, universal service, and intercarrier compensation. He has also litigated a wide range of cases, including disputes over the compensation carriers pay to each other for carrying voice traffic, exclusive arrangements between cable providers and programmers, the regulatory classification of VoIP service and retention marketing. Additionally, Mr. Feder has worked on a number of significant transactions, including Charter-Time Warner Cable-Bright House, Comcast-NBCU, CenturyTel-Embarq, and, while at the FCC, SBC-AT&T, Verizon-MCI and AT&T-BellSouth. As General Counsel of the FCC, Mr. Feder advised the Chairman and the other Commissioners on all significant issues facing the agency. He represented the FCC in litigation before the federal courts of appeals and coordinated agency review of all transactions requiring FCC approval.

Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America* -2014-2020
Communications Law
- *Chambers USA*
Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (District of Columbia) - 2010-2019
- *Legal 500*
Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory - 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018 (Leading Lawyer)
Media, Technology and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional - 2016, 2017, 2018
- *Washingtonian Magazine*
Top Lawyer - Communication - 2013
- *Washington DC Super Lawyers*
Communications - 2013-2016, 2019



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Communications, Internet and Technology
Litigation
Media and First Amendment

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1995; *summa cum laude*; Daniel H. Grady Prize (highest scholastic average in the class at graduation); Class of 1908 Award (highest scholastic average in the class at the end of second year); Maurice Weigle Award (highest scholastic average in the class at the end of first year); Order of the Coif; Note Editor, *Michigan Law Review*

College of William & Mary, A.B., 1992; *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 1999

Maryland, 1996

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 2005

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2006

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1996

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1996

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1999

Community

- Federal Communications Bar Association
Co-chair, Judicial Practice Committee, 2005-2011
- Legal Aid Society of District of Columbia
Board Member, 2014-present
- College of William & Mary Public Policy Program
Board Member, 2013-present

Publications

- "Communications: Regulation and Outsourcing in the United States: Overview," *Communications: Regulation and Outsourcing Global Guide*, Thomson Reuters, February 2018
- Client Alert: The Public Interest Revisited: Two New FCC Orders Create Controversy over the Commission's Merger Standard of Review, November 7, 2017
- "Proposals to Streamline Federal and State Regulatory Review of Transactions in the Communications Industry," SSRN, October 11, 2017
- Client Alert: Here Comes Sunshine: FCC Transparency Rule Guidance, May 26, 2016
- Client Alert: FCC Imposes Comprehensive Data Security Requirements in Settlement with Cable Company, November 11, 2015
- Co-Author, Communications: Regulation and Outsourcing in United States: Overview," *Practical Law*, November 2015
- "Data Security Has a New Sheriff in Town," *Daily Journal*, November 17, 2014
- "Verizon Settlement Signals FCC's Growing Privacy Focus," *Law360*, September 11, 2014
- Client Alert: Verizon Privacy Settlement Signals FCC's Growing Privacy Focus, September 9, 2014
- Co-Author, "City of Arlington v. FCC: The Death of Chevron Step Zero?" *Federal Communications Law Journal*, January 2014
- "FCC Open Internet Order: Is Net Neutrality Itself Problematic for Free Speech?" *Communications Lawyer*, June 2011
- Co-Author, "Cell Phone Litigation Advisory: Calling for Coverage," *Mealey's Litigation Report: Insurance*, Vol. 24, No. 11, January 20, 2010
- *Insurance Counselor*, Winter 2010
- Client Advisory: Calling for Coverage, November 20, 2009

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Edward R. Becker, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit 1995 - 1996
(Clerkship)

Speaking Engagements

- “Broadcasting to a Different Audience: Interagency Review in Telecomm Mergers,” American Bar Association, May 03, 2017
- “Regulating the Internet?” 28th Annual International Bar Association Communications and Competition Conference, April 25, 2017
- “The FCC’s Open Internet Order - A Law and Economic Analysis,” Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies, March 24, 2015
- “The New Net Neutrality Rules: How Have Other Regulated Fields Tackled Similar Issues?” American Bar Association, March 03, 2015
- “19th Annual Comprehensive Conference on Telecommunications Law,” Law Seminars International, April 07, 2014 to April 08, 2014
- “Broadband and Cable Industry Law 2014,” Practising Law Institute, January 26, 2014
- “Broadband and Cable Industry Seminar 2013,” Practising Law Institute, January 28, 2013
- “The Business of Financing Business,” The Milken Institute Global Conference - Shaping the Future, Los Angeles, CA, May 01, 2011 to May 04, 2011
- “*Comcast v. FCC*: The FCC’s Jurisdiction Over Broadband and the Implications for Net Neutrality,” Practising Law Institute Teleconference, April 30, 2010
- “Historical Perspective and Current Issues,” Federal Communications Bar Association CLE Seminar, Washington, DC, March 04, 2010
- “The Judicial Year in Review,” Federal Communications Bar Association CLE Seminar, Washington, DC, June 10, 2009
- Moderator, “Future of Telecommunications,” Practising Law Institute 26th Annual Institute on Telecommunications Policy & Regulation, Washington, DC, December 05, 2008