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## **Jonathan E. Allen**

### **Partner**

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### **Overview**

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Mr. Allen's practice focuses on wireless, Internet, broadband, technology, media and broadcast matters. He provides strategic and legal guidance regarding Federal Communications Commission regulations, licensing and policy for matters such as spectrum acquisition, risk assessment, due diligence, regulatory compliance, litigation, and franchising. He represents clients in financing matters, mergers, acquisitions, and other corporate transactions. He appears before the Commission and in federal court with respect to administrative litigation matters. Mr. Allen advises ISPs and website operators regarding risk assessment and regulatory compliance matters, particularly for cutting-edge Internet services such as social networking sites and blogs.

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### **Education**

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University of Virginia, J.D., 1997.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, A.B. (Journalism and Mass Communication), with honors and distinction, 1994.

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### **Professional Memberships and Activities**

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Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Virginia.  
Admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.  
Member, American Bar Association, Federal Communications Bar Association.

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### **Specific Experience**

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- Represented broadcasters, wireless companies, educational institutions and others before the FCC in rulemakings, adjudications and enforcement actions involving matters such as the digital television transition, distributed transmission systems, spectrum licensing, must carry/retransmission consent, interference disputes, commercial FM station allotments, and the National Broadband Plan.
  - Represented license applicants before the U.S. Court of Appeals in matters involving judicial review of FCC decisions.
  - Provided regulatory and strategic advice regarding FCC rules and policies affecting the broadcast industry, including matters involving the digital television transition, media ownership, digital tuner requirements, “must carry” regulations, children’s television, closed captioning, indecency, sponsor identification, and political broadcasting.
  - Advised Internet Service Providers and website operators regarding risk assessment, liability, privacy and compliance matters associated with the provision of advanced services such as broadband Internet access service, interconnected VoIP, social networking, blogs and other services.
  - Advised clients regarding Commission rules and policies applicable to wireless services, including ownership restrictions, 800 MHz rebanding, Broadcast Auxiliary Service relocation, Broadband Radio Service/Educational Broadband Service matters, Wireless Communications Services, market transitions, licensing, spectrum auction procedures and policies.
  - Advised clients regarding copyright issues related to websites, video programming and webcasting.
  - Negotiated and prepared agreements related to communications properties, including asset purchases, stock purchase, spectrum leases, settlement agreements, management agreements and rebanding agreements.

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## **Representative Publications**

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“Comcast-NBCU: FCC Conditions Deal to Promote Online Video Services; Questions Remain”, by Jonathan E. Allen, TelecomMediaTechlaw.com, February 3, 2011

“Navigating Rough Waters: The VOIP Opportunity for Real Estate,” by Jonathan E. Allen, *The Real Estate Finance Journal*, September

2004.

"Of Royalties and Rancor: Recent Webcasting Developments," by Jonathan E. Allen, *Cyberspace Lawyer*, September 2002.

"Law on Access to Rights of Way Continues to Evolve," by Steven A. Lancellotta and Jonathan E. Allen, *Telecom Real Estate Adviser*, April 2002.

"'3G' Allocation Process Could Pinch Fixed Wireless," by Robert J. Rini and Jonathan E. Allen, *TR Wireless*, January 18, 2001.

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## Honors and Awards

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Phi Beta Kappa

Kappa Tau Alpha