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Biography

Arpan Sura guides telecom and tech companies through their most difficult challenges. A truly versatile advocate and counselor, Arpan's practice spans the regulatory, litigation, enforcement, and public policy spheres.

Arpan's work before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) touches the most important issues affecting the Internet: 5G deployment, competition policy, media concentration, net neutrality, broadband privacy, foreign investment, wireless infrastructure reform, numerous "spectrum wars" proceedings, the 600 MHz incentive auction, and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). He is involved in a variety of rulemaking and adversarial proceedings before the FCC and helps clients win FCC approval of major transactions. In these matters, Arpan represents wireless carriers, broadcasters, satellite operators, edge providers, media companies, trade associations, institutional investors, the transportation industry, tower companies, and IoT manufacturers.

Beyond his FCC practice, Arpan regularly provides practical, actionable guidance to leading Internet companies on broader cyber-law issues involving the Stored Communications Act, the Wiretap Act, the CLOUD Act, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), and Section 230 of the



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Practices

Communications, Internet, and Media

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Litigation Services

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Industries

Technology & Telecoms

Education and admissions

Communications Decency Act, including the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA) and Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA). He also counsels clients in the areas of mobile payments, FinTech, and e-commerce, where he navigates lending, payments, privacy, and consumer protection laws to help clients bring next-generation services to market.

Arpan previously served as in-house counsel at Sprint, where he oversaw a portfolio of high-stakes litigation and enforcement matters, advised company leaders on regulatory and litigation issues, and provided thought leadership on the evolution of the legal industry. Before joining Sprint, Arpan tried cases to verdict, briefed appeals, and defended government investigations at a leading international law firm. Arpan graduated from William & Mary Law School and served on the *William & Mary Law Review*. He earned bachelor degrees in computer science, philosophy, and government from the University of Texas at Austin.

Representative experience

Advising numerous telecommunications and Internet companies on the new Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act (CLOUD Act).

Representing T-Mobile in spectrum-policy and competition-related matters.

Advising automobile manufacturers on novel legal issues involving “connected car” and other telematics-related technologies.

Advising HC2 Broadcasting Inc. in dozens of complex M&A transactions involving full power and low power television stations, including its acquisitions of DTV America and Azteca America.

Representing tower and other siting companies in disputes involving the National Historic Preservation

Education

J.D., William & Mary Law School, 2009

B.A., B.S., The University of Texas at Austin, 2005

Memberships

Federal Communications Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Representing telecommunications and media companies in FCC and FTC investigations and enforcement proceedings.

Representing the Competitive Carriers Association in its opposition to Sinclair Broadcasting's proposed US\$3.9 billion acquisition of Tribune Media.

Representing stakeholders across industry sectors in numerous FCC rulemaking proceedings to reform the TCPA.

Representing the Association of American Railroads in the FCC's rulemaking proceeding to streamline the deployment of wireless infrastructure.

Awards and rankings

- Media, Technology and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast (Transactional), Rising star, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2020

Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
 - SCOTUS provides TCPA certainty. What does it mean for you?
- News
 - Unanimous Supreme Court rejects expansive interpretation of TCPA autodialer definition
- News
 - U.S. Government urges Supreme Court to adopt reasonable interpretation of ATDS in TCPA case
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Global Media, Technology and Communications Quarterly – Spring/Summer 2020
- News
 - U.S. Supreme Court finds TCPA's federal-debts exemption unconstitutional; leaves rest of TCPA

intact

- News

- Second Circuit panel sides with Ninth Circuit on what qualifies as an autodialer