

Ari Q. Fitzgerald

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

Ari Fitzgerald provides strategic, legal, and policy advice on a wide range of communications and spectrum policy issues to some of the world's largest and most dynamic communications network operators and equipment manufacturers, as well as a diverse assortment of industry trade associations and investors. He especially enjoys helping automobile manufacturers and other technology companies bring new and innovative communications-related products and services to market.

Ari had a distinguished career in government before joining Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells) as a partner in 2001. He was a legal advisor to former FCC Chairman Bill Kennard, as well as deputy chief of the FCC's International Bureau. He also worked as a legal advisor in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, where he advised the White House, executive agencies, and the U.S. attorney general on constitutional and federal statutory interpretation matters.

Ari started his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable H. Lee Sarokin, U.S. district judge, and worked for several years after his judicial clerkship as legal counsel to former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Ari worked as a financial analyst in the corporate finance department of the global investment bank First Boston



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Languages

Spanish

Practices

Communications, Internet, and Media

Space and Satellite

Industries

Automotive and Mobility

Areas of focus

Connected Cars

Infrastructure and Equipment

Corporation before entering law school.

Today, Ari serves on the board of directors of Crown Castle International, a large, publicly owned operator of towers and other communications infrastructure, and on the advisory board of several private technology companies and policy advocacy organizations. He also serves on the board of several nonprofit entities, including as vice president of the Yale Law School Alumni Executive Committee, secretary of the Multicultural Media and Telecommunications Council, president of the Duke Ellington Fund, and as an advisory board member of Catholic Charities Legal Network.

Representative experience

Advised T-Mobile in connection with its proposed acquisition of 700 MHz licenses from Columbia Capital.

Advised the fourth-largest bidder in the FCC's 2015 AWS-3 spectrum auction on all aspects of its participation in the auction.

Represents the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers in the FCC's pending 5 GHz proceeding to determine whether to allow Wi-Fi use of the 5.9 GHz band.

Represents GE Healthcare in the FCC's Part 15 proceeding to address sharing between wireless medical telemetry and unlicensed devices in TV Channel 37.

Represents GM/OnStar and Mercedes-Benz on telecom policy, telematics, and connected car-related issues before the FCC and other U.S. regulatory agencies.

Represents Vodafone on telecom and national security-related issues at the FCC and U.S. Team Telecom.

Advised T-Mobile in connection with the FCC's 600 MHz broadcast incentive auction.

Spectrum

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Yale Law School, 1990

Henry Luce Scholar, 1985

A.B., Harvard College, magna cum laude, 1984

Memberships

Board of Directors, Crown Castle International

President, Duke Ellington Fund

Vice President, Yale Law School Alumni Executive Committee

Federal Communications Bar Association

Advisory Committee, Mobile Future

Advisory Committee, Spectrum Bridge

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

Connecticut

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

Represented Kinderhook Industries before the FCC in connection with its acquisition of Video Relay Service provider, CSDVRS.

Awards and rankings

- Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (District of Columbia), Band 2, *Chambers and Partners USA*, 2018
- Technology MVP, *Law 360*, 2017
- Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (District of Columbia), *Chambers USA*, 2010-2019
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Technology: Transactions, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *Legal 500 US*, 2014, 2016-2017
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *Legal 500 US*, 2010-2011, 2013-2014, 2016-2019
- Communications, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2008-2009, 2014-2015
- Regulatory Communications, *Who's Who Legal 100*, 2013
- Top Attorneys in Intellectual Property, Franchise and Dealership, Information Technology, Communications, and Civil Litigation Defense, *Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition*, 2008
- Henry Luce Scholar in Asia, 1984-1985

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - TMT Horizons 2019
- Events
 - Deep Dive on Connected Cars: The Legal and Regulatory Issues Impacting Self-driving Vehicles
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Update on FCC 5.9 GHz band rule-making

U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

"Ari Fitzgerald is a very skilled advocate, who has noteworthy expertise in telecom-related policy, especially relating to the FCC's incentive auctions."

Chambers USA

"He continues to attract a wide range of clients, from industry-leading service providers and vendors to trade associations."

Chambers USA

Communications, Internet, and Media Alert

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - New discoveries from Galileo? FCC grants nonfederal access to revolutionary European satellite *Communications Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Artificial Intelligence and your business: A guide for navigating the legal, policy, commercial, and strategic challenges ahead *Hogan Lovells*
- Blog Post
 - Connected Vehicles in Focus at 2018 CES