

OVERVIEW

COMMUNICATIONS



With more than 100 attorneys and decades of experience representing communications clients in all six New England states and nationally, Murtha Cullina LLP offers a full range of legal services to cable companies, competitive telecommunications providers, tower developers and lessees and others affected by communications laws and rules.

REGULATORY

We have unparalleled experience in all aspects of cable and telecommunications authorizations, utility commission regulatory compliance and, if needed, defense of investigations, compliance proceedings and litigation, including:

- Representation of municipalities and property owners in tower and small cell siting proceedings
- Representation in all aspects, including certification, tariffing and transfers, of cable and telecommunications services
- Litigation and defense of allegations of non-compliance brought by state and local authorities regarding customer service issues, pricing disputes and cable access funding
- Representation regarding pole and conduit attachment rates, terms and conditions
- State and municipal disputes over use, construction and installations in public rights of way, including excavation permits and fees, police overtime, and bonding issues
- Representation in cable rates, franchise fee and tax disputes, and escheat compliance

COMPETITIVE ISSUES

The Firm has decades of experience representing industry segments as competition affects regulatory schemes. Examples include:

- Investigation of whether video services by incumbent local exchange carriers constitute regulated cable services
- Agency and federal and state court litigation vs. competitive cable franchise applicants, SMATV television companies, universities and municipalities
- Unfair competition and tortious interference with customers and franchise rights,

SERVICES

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Workforce, Labor & Employment

Commercial and Real Estate

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unfair trade practice and other competitive litigation claims

LITIGATION

Murtha Cullina LLP trial lawyers have experience in all types of litigation for our communications clients, including administrative appeals, declaratory judgment actions, federal and state court theft of service cases, antitrust and tortious interference with franchise rights cases, and contract issues.

WORKFORCE, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

Working closely with the Communications Law Practice Group, the Labor & Employment Practice Group of Murtha Cullina is well regarded for its savvy in all aspects of federal labor law, employment related claims and wrongful discharge actions. Examples of matters handled for communications clients include:

- Defense of wrongful discharge, harassment and unfair labor practice charges
- Representation on drug and alcohol testing procedures, including approvals for designation of job classifications as being safety sensitive to allow random testing
- Counseling and representation concerning employee licensing issues

COMMERCIAL AND REAL ESTATE

Working closely with our commercial and real estate lawyers, the Communications Law Practice Group has handled an array of operational and related commercial matters for our communications clients, examples of which include the following:

- Asset purchase agreements, financing and closings
- Commercial purchase and sale agreements and leases relating to major site acquisitions
- Easement, license and leasing agreements relating to access to premises, tower location, collocation and standard rights of way and rent overpayment
- Tower lease agreements and renewals

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With more than 100 attorneys in six offices throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, Murtha Cullina LLP offers a full range of legal services to meet the local, regional and national needs of our clients. Our practice encompasses litigation, regulatory and transactional representation of businesses, governmental units, non-profit organizations and individuals.

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