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Overview

Lauren Wilson is a member of the Federal Regulatory and Compliance practice, where she focuses on the communications and technology sectors. Lauren uses her experience and knowledge of the US Executive Branch and the consumer watchdog community to provide clients with strategic advocacy and advice on issues such as privacy and data security, universal service, competition, interconnection and public safety. She advises clients on compliance with Federal Communications (FCC) rules implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). She also has experience advising clients on contractual and regulatory matters related to deploying new Internet-based products and services.

Lauren is a former legal advisor to the chief of the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, where she developed in-depth knowledge of robocalling, truth-in-billing and disability-related policies. Additionally, Lauren focused on media and telecom issues pertaining to Native American tribes, with an emphasis on universal service, broadband infrastructure deployment and facilitation of effective government-to-government consultation. She also served as a liaison from the FCC to industry leaders, consumer groups, disability groups and state and local governments.

Prior to serving at the FCC, Lauren was policy counsel for the advocacy group Free Press, where she lobbied federal regulators and congressional staff on issues such as net neutrality, spectrum aggregation, surveillance, media ownership and First Amendment rights.

Experience

As legal advisor in the Office of the Bureau Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Lauren's roles and responsibilities included:

- Drafting and reviewing rulemakings, issue papers, options memos, conference presentations, and public-facing correspondence for the bureau chief and front office staff.
- Serving as the bureau's liaison to the FCC's offices of chairman, managing director and media relations, ensuring timely and comprehensive responses to organizational and substantive inquiries.

- Analyzing informal consumer complaint trends and identifying issues ripe for escalation to the enforcement bureau.
- Authoring the FCC's first digital inclusion white paper, which proposed strategies for overcoming non-cost barriers to broadband adoption and led outreach to community organizations, nonprofits and corporations to inform the plan's research.
- Representing the FCC on a White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable.

As policy counsel at Free Press, Lauren's key duties and responsibilities included:

- Briefing FCC and congressional staff and making recommendations on competition, media ownership, open Internet and spectrum policies.
- Authoring a petition to deny Sinclair Television Group's \$985 million purchase of Allbritton Communications and successfully lobbying for changes to the FCC's ownership attribution rules, leading to the deal's restructuring and abandonment of local duopolies.
- Representing the organization in coalitions with competitive carriers, edge companies, video providers, trade associations, and civil rights organizations to advance shared interests on the Hill, before the executive branch, and in the press.
- Serving as an integral part of lobbying team that successfully advocated for the reclassification of broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, including drafting comments and filings relied upon throughout the 2015 open Internet order.

Recognition

- *Forbes*, "30 Under 30: Top Young Lawyers, Policymakers, and Power Players," 2014

Insights

- Co-author, "The FCC, Spectrum, Autonomous Vehicles, and Everything," Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank Spring/Summer 2020 publication, pg. 98, Dentons, July 2020
- "New FCC spectrum proposal would fuel the development of driverless vehicles," Dentons client alert, December 9, 2019
- "Talking cars: The FCC holds the key to unlocking the promise of autonomous vehicles," Dentons client alert, January 28, 2019
- "2019 Telecommunications Policy Outlook," Dentons client alert, January 10, 2019

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Speaker, "NSA Disclosures—Responding to the Many Levels of the Problem," Mozilla Festival, 2013
- Speaker, "Local Broadcaster Mergers—Competition and Communications Policy Issues," American Bar Association, 2013
- Keynote Speaker, "Why Net Neutrality Must Be Maintained," National Press Club Newsmakers Conference, 2014
- Speaker, "What Works and What Doesn't in the Global Fight for Net Neutrality," Mozilla Festival, 2014
- Speaker, "Why the Media Should Care About Net Neutrality," Northwestern University Medill School of

Journalism, 2014

- Speaker, "Community Anchor Institutions and Broadband Adoption," Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition Annual Conference, 2016
- Speaker, "Beyond Lifeline: The FCC and Digital Inclusion," Net Inclusion: The National Digital Inclusion Summit, 2016
- Speaker, "Addressing the Digital Disconnect for Low-Income Americans," American Library Association Annual Conference, 2016
- Speaker, "Digital Inclusion Resources: Lifeline and the Community Reinvestment Act," White House ConnectALL Summit, 2016
- Speaker, "A Conversation with the FCC Bureau of Consumer and Governmental Affairs," National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Summer Committee Meetings, 2016

Areas of focus

Practices

- Public Policy and Regulation
- Advocacy and Government Affairs
- Privacy and Cybersecurity
- Media Regulation

Industry sectors

- Communications
- Broadband Access and Internet
- Carriers, Resellers and MVNOs
- Digital Media
- Technology
- Cloud and Hosting Services
- Mobile
- Autonomous Vehicles

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, 2012, JD
- Duke University, 2009, BA

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia

- Illinois

Languages

- English