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Erin Spears
Chief Of Staff & Counsel - Council Utilities Regulatory Office at New Orleans City Council

Erin Spears currently serves as chief of staff and counsel for the New Orleans City Council Utilities Regulatory Office (CURO). The New Orleans City Council has regulatory authority over Entergy New Orleans, the city's electricity and gas provider. Erin oversees the Council's regulatory acts including establishing rates, participation in OMS and related groups, as well as management of utility dockets.

Erin is a licensed attorney in Louisiana and Pennsylvania. Prior to her position with CURO, Erin served as director of council relations for Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu and chief of staff for Councilman James A. Gray, II. Erin is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Washington University School of Law.

Source: New Orleans City Council Utilities Regulatory Office



Alice Moy-Gonzalez,
Senior Vice President of Strategic Development at Anterix

Alice joined Anterix in 2016 and is currently the Senior Vice President of Strategic Development, responsible for planning and executing the company's integrated business and corporate strategy. Prior to joining Anterix, Alice gained a combined 16 years of experience in the clean energy technology, smart grid and telecommunication industries at GE, Petra Solar, Arcadian Networks and Nextel. In her prior positions she led SaaS sales for the Northeast region, Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) product development including networking, software and services, business development and strategy for utility telecom, and RF engineering.

Named a Fierce Wireless 2017 influential woman in startups, and recipient of a Public Utilities Fortnightly Top Innovator award, Alice has proven to be a role model both in the industry as well as in the community in which she lives, launching and chairing interactive STEM experiences to elementary school families.

Alice holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of the West Indies, Trinidad, and a Master's in Business Administration from Mercy College, NY.

Source: Anterix website



Tiago Rodrigues,
CEO at Wireless
Broadband Alliance

Tiago Rodrigues is the CEO of the Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA). Tiago is responsible for leading the overall strategy, together with the WBA Board, and the operational planning for the WBA. As well as overseeing the day to day management, Tiago takes a leadership role in understanding industry challenges and working with membership to agree the key focus areas and programs that need to be developed to ensure the wireless industry optimises market opportunities for Wi-Fi and works to resolve any business issues that impede the success of the industry overall.

Before he joined the WBA, Tiago spent 15 years at the Portugal Telecom Group. In his previous role as Head of Business Innovation, he collaborated with various departments within the company to identify and develop new business opportunities. Prior to this, he managed the Public Wi-Fi sector of Portugal Telecom Group where he was responsible for service management, development, strategy and internationalization of the Wi-Fi service. He was also involved in strategic marketing, regulatory affairs, pricing, product development and roaming.

Tiago holds an M.Sc. in Economics and Management of Science and Technology, and a degree in Business Administration from the Higher Institute of Economics and Management at The Technical University of Lisbon. He also has a BA. Honors Degree in Business Administration from Humberside University, UK.

Source: Wireless Global Congress website



David Gilford,
Head of Policy and
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David Gilford leads policy and strategic partnerships for Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners, pioneering technology-enabled infrastructure that is more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive.

Over two decades at the intersection of the public and private sectors, David has built programs to support innovation. As Principal at HR&A Advisors and co-founder of the Broadband Equity Partnership, David designed digital and social infrastructure to close the digital divide. Previously, he co-founded the Connected Communities practice at Intersection, developing technology strategies for neighborhood-scale real estate developments. David's public sector leadership experience includes serving as Vice President for Urban Innovation & Sustainability for the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

David holds an MBA from the Yale School of Management and a BA in Economics from Williams College.

Source: Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners website



Todd Daubert
Partner and chair of the
Communications and
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Todd Daubert is a partner in Dentons' Washington, DC, office and chair of the Firm's Communications and Technology sectors. Todd has nearly two decades of experience advising companies that develop, integrate and deploy new technologies in transactional, regulatory, litigation and appellate matters. Leveraging a background in engineering, Todd crafts innovative solutions that help clients, from startups to global players, achieve their strategic objectives and minimize their risks, resulting in improved business results and profitability.

Todd's client base includes some of the world's largest technology companies driving the most dynamic and major growth area in the global economy.

In addition to negotiating and drafting various types of business agreements, including interconnection, roaming, backhaul, vendor, resale, mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) and service agreements, Todd assists his clients, in navigating a regulatory environment that is about as complex and rapidly evolving as they come. He has guided companies through investigations and audits by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and state regulatory authorities. He has represented clients before the FCC and in state and federal trial and appellate courts in matters alleged unfair billing practices, violations of truth-in-advertising laws, interconnection agreement claims, and numbering and tariff interpretation. He has developed and implemented compliance strategies relating to 911, customer proprietary network information (CPNI), the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), universal service, truth-in-billing, numbering and number portability. And he has advocated for and against changes in policies, laws and regulations on a range of matters, including universal service, interconnection, numbering and addressability, portability, competition and privacy.

Source: Dentons website