

Attorney  
Biography

## Brad E. Mutschelknaus



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Brad Mutschelknaus is a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. He focuses his practice in the area of telecommunications law.

Mr. Mutschelknaus has served as both outside and in-house counsel to telecommunications companies for more than 20 years. He has held in-house positions as general attorney at Satellite Business Systems; director of regulatory and external affairs at Sprint; and vice president and general counsel at NTS. Mr. Mutschelknaus was in the private practice of law from 1980-1983 before moving to in-house positions. He returned to private practice in 1990, and in 1996 co-founded the telecommunications practice group at Kelley Drye, where he also served as managing partner of the firm's Washington, D.C. office for several years.

Mr. Mutschelknaus represents numerous companies before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), other federal agencies and state Public Utility Commissions (PUCs) in connection with rulemaking proceedings, related policy issues, compliance matters and enforcement proceedings. He also has extensive experience in the negotiation of interconnection agreements, collocation agreements, right-of-way agreements, telecom service agreements and similar transactions. He has supervised dozens of nationwide campaigns for federal and state regulatory approvals of major telecom transactions, and has successfully tried cases before more than 30 state PUCs.

Mr. Mutschelknaus is a past member of the boards of directors of Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel) and Operator Services Providers of America (OSPA), and a past chairman of the State & Local Practice Committee of the Federal Communications Bar Association. He has been recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of the leading telecommunications lawyers in Washington, D.C.

### Honors and Awards:

Selected as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the Communications Law area by America Lawyer Media, 2010.

Ranked in the 2008 and 2009 editions of *Chambers USA* as a leading practitioner in the telecommunications and broadcast & satellite regulatory area.

Named as one of *SmartCEO* magazine's "Legal Elite" in telecommunications law, 2009.

Mentioned in the 2009 edition of *US Legal 500* for his work with the

telecommunications practice.

**Memberships and Associations:**

Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel), former member,  
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Federal Communications Bar Association, State & Local Practice Committee,  
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**Client Advisories:**

"FCC Denies Verizon Request for Forbearance in Six Major Markets,"  
December 10, 2007

**Speaking Engagements:**

"Telecommunications Policy in the Next Administration and Congress,"  
Kelley Drye Webinar, November 2008.

"Implementing InterCall: USF Implications for the Conference Call Industry,"  
Kelley Drye Webinar, July 2008.

**Bar Admission:**

District of Columbia, 1980

**Courts:**

U.S. District Court – District of Columbia

**Education:**

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1980

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Concordia University, B.A., 1977

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