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Strategically positioned in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, Drew Svor serves as a member of the firm's Telecom, Space & Satellite, CFIUS and AI Teams, as well as the D.C. office's recruiting co-chair.

Areas of Practice

Advisor to Dynamic Industries

Drew is a go-to advisor for technology, telecommunications, aerospace, defense and infrastructure companies navigating today's complex regulatory landscape. With a focus on fostering innovation and growth while ensuring compliance with regulators at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Drew provides strategic counsel to clients at the forefront of technological advancement, strategic investment and national security.

Experience in Action

Drew specializes in representing space and satellite companies, mobile network operators and cutting-edge technology providers before the FCC, the "Team Telecom" Executive Branch agencies, and CFIUS. His expertise includes FCC compliance, spectrum licensing, and navigating regulatory challenges in telecommunications and satellite communications. Drew's strategic and practical approach ensures clients stay ahead in dynamic industries defined by rapid innovation and evolving regulatory frameworks.

Thought Leader and Speaker

A recognized thought leader on FCC regulatory and space industry trends, Drew regularly authors insightful pieces on emerging technologies, spectrum policy, and important developments at the intersection of telecommunications, space, and national security. Drew's articles and speaking engagements span industry-leading forums, like SatNews, the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) and the ABA Space Symposium.

Pro Bono Commitment

Beyond the technology sector, Drew is committed to pro bono work, frequently collaborating with Human Rights First to represent refugees in asylum cases before USCIS and DHS.

Industry Boards

Drew serves on the Washington Space Business Roundtable Board and the Law360 Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board.

Community Involvement

Outside of work, Drew enjoys rugby, running, traveling and is a devoted friend to cats and dogs alike.

Honors

- Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board, *Law360*, 2022-2023
- Ones to Watch – Corporate Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2025
- Recommended Attorney - Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *Legal 500*, 2019-2022, 2024-2025
- Recommended Attorney - Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *Legal 500*, 2022-2025

Experience

- Developing comprehensive federal regulatory and FCC licensing strategies for a wide range of satellite and ground station operators, mobile network operators, MVNOS, original equipment manufacturers and investors in the telecommunications industry.
- Advising stakeholders appearing before the FCC in complex spectrum licensing and spectrum rebanding proceedings.
- Securing FCC approvals for mergers and public/private equity transactions involving satellite operators, infrastructure providers and telecommunications companies.
- Representing operators and investors before CFIUS and the “Team Telecom” Executive Branch agencies seeking approval for strategic transactions involving foreign ownership and national security-related issues.
- Counseling stakeholders on domestic and international telecommunications matters pending before the FCC, U.S. Congress, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and International Telecommunication Union.
- Counseling companies with respect to the evolving federal and state regulation of unmanned aerial vehicles and drones.
- Representing satellite companies navigating orbital slot, frequency use, satellite network coordination and operational aspects of the satellite services industry.
- Representing companies and investors who are targets of FCC enforcement proceedings and investigations.

Articles

- Eye on Privacy: 2024 Year in Review
01.21.2025
- Will Elon's Exit Undermine the State's Spacelaw Leadership?
Daily Journal, 09.03.2024
- New Rule Expands FCC Jurisdiction Related To Foreign Media
Law360, 09.27.2018
- Why CFIUS Intervened In Broadcom's Bid For Qualcomm
Law360, 03.20.2018

FCC Law Blog Posts

- "Ground Control to the FCC: GSaaS Order Ushers in a New Age for Space Communications," July 24, 2025
- "Closing Time: Hell, High Water, and Insights from the Delaware Chancery Court Decision in Desktop Metal v. Nano Dimension," April 9, 2025
- "ALERT: Delete, Delete, Delete—FCC Calls for Comment on Which Rules Should be Eliminated," March 19, 2025
- "America First Investment Policy: U.S. Foreign Investment Policy Evolves under Trump 2.0," February 27, 2025
- "ALERT: FCC Sets December 31, 2024 Deadline for Providers to Address Robocall Mitigation Database Deficiencies," December 17, 2024
- "FCC Cracks Down: Are You Ready for the Robocall Mitigation Compliance Blitz?," December 12, 2024
- "ALERT: Team Telecom Streamlining Procedures Take Effect," September 5, 2024
- "Burners and Backdoors: The FCC's \$16 Million Settlement with TracFone for Breaches of Customer-Facing APIs," July 31, 2024
- "Soil and Security: The Broadening Scope of CFIUS in Real Estate Transactions," July 24, 2024
- "Data Security Is National Security: Inside the FCC Enforcement Bureau's Latest Crackdown," July 11, 2024
- "Know Thy Neighbor as Thyself: CFIUS Considerations in Commercial Real Estate Transactions," June 10, 2024
- "FCC to Strengthen Equipment Authorization Process to Protect U.S. National Security," May 24, 2024
- "Dialing Up Accountability: FCC's Warning Shot to Mobile Network Operators on CPNI," May 14, 2024
- "Treasury Department Proposes to Sharpen the Teeth of CFIUS Enforcement," April 23, 2024
- "Enforcement Advisory: The FCC's Enforcement Bureau Continues to Closely Review Provider Compliance with Affordable Connective Program Rules," March 14, 2024
- "ALERT: FCC Seeks to Eliminate Digital Discrimination," December 20, 2023
- "The Biden-Harris Administration Releases National Spectrum Strategy," December 1, 2023
- "Shutting Down the Cell Phone Scammers: The FCC Adopts Rules to Crack Down on Fraudulent Practices against Wireless Phone Users," November 30, 2023
- "FCC Launches Inquiry into the Risks of AI on Unwanted Robocalls and Texts," November 2, 2023
- "ALERT: The FCC Fines Companies \$20 Million for Failing to Safeguard Customer Proprietary Network Information," August 31, 2023
- "Don't Look Twice, It's Alright — The FCC Pulls Back the Curtain on Section 214 Authorizations," April 28, 2023
- "FCC Takes the Lead on Satellite/Mobile Convergence in the Single Network Future Proceeding," March 21, 2023
- "ALERT: FCC Opens Rulemaking on Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Licensed Spectrum," January 4, 2023

- "ALERT: Space Innovation Comes to Part 25 as the FCC Proposes New Reforms for its Satellite and Earth Station Licensing Rules," December 8, 2022
- "ALERT: FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel Announces Plans to Create a Space Bureau," November 3, 2022
- "The Many Layered Flavors of Broadband – The FCC’s Proposed Broadband “Nutrition Labels”," April 5, 2022
- "Too Much Time on Their Hands – New Executive Order Limits Time Period for Team Telecom Reviews," April 7, 2020
- "Commerce Prioritizes Earth Selfies as It Seeks to Improve Remote Sensing Licensing," July 17, 2018
- "FCC Sets Sights on China," May 7, 2018
- "Chips on Their Shoulders: CFIUS Intervenes in Broadcom’s Hostile Takeover Bid for Qualcomm," March 8, 2017
- "FCC Proposes Expedited Treatment For New Technologies," February 28, 2018
- "ExteNet v City of Houston: Who pays for access to Texas rights-of-way?," March 27, 2017
- "FCC Liberalizes Rules for Foreign Investment in U.S. Broadcast Licensees," October 17, 2016
- "Hailing on All Frequencies: The FCC Releases the Spectrum Frontiers Order," July 19, 2016
- "Patient Zero – Public Knowledge Seeks FCC Review of A New “Zero Rated” Service," March 14, 2016
- "Headin’ Down the Copperhead Road – the FCC Proposes New Rules for Legacy Infrastructure," January 5, 2015
- "If They Could Be All You Wanted: The FCC Gets Serious About Small Cells," October 28, 2014
- "The Eleventh Circuit Reaffirms FCC’s Authority To Coordinate National TCPA Policy And Ensure Uniformity Of Enforcement in *Mais v. Gulf Coast Collection Bureau*," October 16, 2014
- "Call Me Maybe?: The New TCPA Position Announced by The Federal Communications Commission in *Nigro v. Mercantile Adjustment Bureau*," July 7, 2014
- "Supreme Court Sides with Broadcasters in *Aereo* Decision," June 30, 2014
- "Once More Unto the Breach: the FCC Calls for Comments on Revamping Net Neutrality Regulations," May 16, 2014
- "Is Wheeler Gaga for Gigabit? The FCC Liberates 100 MHz of Spectrum for Unlicensed Wi-Fi," April 7, 2014
- "Sleeper “Small” Cells: The Battle Over The FCC’s Wireless Infrastructure Proceeding," February 27, 2014
- "Regulatory Reminder: Annual CVAA Compliance Certifications due April 1," February 25, 2014
- "Auction 96 - FCC Prepares for Upcoming H Block Spectrum Auction," August 28, 2013
- "FCC Considers Proposal To Lift 25% Cap On Indirect Foreign Investment In Broadcast Licensees," April 22, 2013
- "Regulatory Reminder: CVAA Compliance Certifications due April 1," March 26, 2013
- "FCC Reminds Advanced Communications Services Providers and Equipment Manufacturers of CVAA Recordkeeping Obligations and Compliance Certification," February 12, 2013

Global Trade Law Blog Posts

- "Proposed Outbound Investment Regulations: Understanding the New Restrictions on U.S. Outbound Investments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Semiconductors, and Quantum Computing," June 25, 2024
- "FIRRMA Takes Form as CFIUS Enacts a New Pilot Program Targeting 'Critical Technologies,'" October 11, 2018
- "FCC's Foreign Media Reporting Requirements: Extension of FARA or New Domain?," September 20, 2018

Government Contracts & Investigations Blog Posts

- "The Next Frontier: Key Takeaways from the New U.S. Government Commercial Space Strategies," April 29, 2024

Privacy & Cybersecurity: Eye on Privacy Blog

- "A Wake-Up Call for Data Privacy in the Telecom Sector," June 24, 2024

Media Mentions

AI, AI and AI dominates SVSW. AI is a "Supersonic Tsunami"
SatNews, 10.29.2025

Regulations are in the crosshairs. But which ones?
SpaceNews, 03.07.2025

SmallSats: "Sell better, and sell the right thing"
Satnews.com, 02.04.2025

Spectrum Is Hot, Hot, Hot
satnews, 10.21.2024

Law360's 2023 Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board
Law360, 08.22.2023

Law360's 2022 Telecommunications Editorial Advisory Board
Law360, 04.29.2022

Law360: DC Circ. Partly Strikes Down FCC's TCPA Expansion
03.16.2018

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, Federal Communications Bar Association CFIUS event, November 7, 2017
- Speaker, Space Law Symposium, ABA Forum on Air & Space Law, Washington, D.C., June 8, 2016

Events

SmallSat Symposium 2026

Market Brief: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Substantially Changing How Satellites are licensed
02.11.2026

Silicon Valley Space Week 2025

Computer History Museum, Silicon Valley, October 28-30, 2025

SmallSat Europe 2025

Amsterdam, NL, 05.28.2025

SmallSat Symposium 2025

Silicon Valley, CA, February 4-6, 2025

Silicon Valley Space Week 2024

Mountain View, CA, October 23-24, 2024

Smallsat Symposium 2024

Silicon Valley, CA, February 6-8, 2024

SmallSat Symposium 2023 – Beyond Imagery: EO Sensors Enabling Radio Frequency Analysis, Methane Detection, Weather etc.

02.09.2023

Satellite Reception in Paris

Daroco, Paris

09.11.2018

Satellite 2018 Reception

Washington, D.C.

03.14.2018

Memberships

- Member, Virginia Bar Association
- Member, Young Lawyers Division, American Bar Association
- Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Practices

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Technology Transactions

Governmental

Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)

International Trade and Investment
CFIUS: Foreign Investment in the U.S.
National Security

Industries

Aerospace, Defense & Government Services
Artificial Intelligence
Entertainment, Technology and Advertising
Private Equity
Space & Satellite
Telecom

Education

J.D., Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, 2012, *cum laude*
B.A., University of Virginia, 2003

Admissions

Virginia
District of Columbia