

Telecommunications Law

Plunkett Cooney's telecommunication practice includes a broad base of services designed to meet the legal needs of this constantly evolving and regulated industry. The firm's clients include incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers, wireless carriers, cable television operators, suppliers and related industry groups.

Members of the firm's Telecommunications Practice Group provide counsel and representation in a variety of areas, including regulatory, legislative affairs, governmental relations and litigation. Representation before the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) includes proceedings involving rate setting, rule making, cost studies, competition issues, licensing, consumer complaints, interconnection agreements, unbundling of network facilities, and other issues under state and federal telecommunications statutes.

The firm is also one of the few in the nation with a dedicated appellate practice group, which focuses solely on changing bad law and protecting clients' interest following trial in state and federal court. When necessary, our attorneys have successfully appealed MPSC decisions to state and federal courts in Michigan.

Maintaining healthy and mutually beneficial relationships with municipalities is crucial for the continued success of the telecommunications industry. Plunkett Cooney has extensive relationships through the state of Michigan with local, county and state officials. Our attorneys understand and have assisted their clients in resolving disputes and issues related to the 911 Act, METRO Act and Video Services Local Franchise Act. Our attorneys are familiar with local zoning, land use and other ordinance requirements and routinely advise clients on issues involving the construction of communications facilities, placement of towers and equipment and use of public and private rights of way.

Our attorneys also have extensive experience with the legislative process, and they collaborate with clients and industry groups to positively influence the creation of laws, amend existing laws and develop common sense regulations that are fair and protect all stakeholders, including providers, consumers and governmental entities.

The right result – It is a simple phrase, but one that drives the attorneys of Plunkett Cooney's Telecommunications Practice Group. These experienced professionals have the knowledge and experience necessary to help telecommunications companies achieve their business goals and to continue developing technologies for the future. Contact any member of the practice group to learn how Plunkett Cooney can help achieve the right result for you.