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Diane advises clients on broadband, media, consumer protection, and universal service issues, with an emphasis on regulatory compliance and support. She is experienced in drafting advocacy, correspondence, and research materials to support clients' goals. She has served as lead counsel for regulatory proceedings on net neutrality, broadband infrastructure deployment, internet protocol (IP) transitions, and enforcement reform. Diane also advises clients on navigating the changing landscape of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) issues resulting from legal, regulatory, and market changes.

She has deep expertise navigating the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and senior-level experience advising Commissioners. She has over 20 years of experience working in the federal government, and prior to joining Wiley, Diane was the Deputy Chief and Special Advisor for the Wireline Competition Bureau at the FCC.

Representative Matters

- Led the regulation, management, and oversight of FCC programs that support affordable high-speed broadband service.
- Advised FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks on media issues including media ownership diversity, EEO requirements and KidVid program requirements, and consumer protection issues including robocall mitigation, caller ID spoofing, and telephone relay services for disabled persons.
- Developed strategic advocacy campaigns by analyzing mission-critical issues to engage key industry stakeholders.

Practice Areas

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
Counseling and Support
Telecom, Media & Technology
Telecommunications & Broadband Service

Credentials

Education
LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center
J.D., *cum laude*, Howard University School of Law
B.S., University of Maryland

Bar and Court Memberships
District of Columbia Bar
Maryland Bar

Certifications
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate,
Cornell University

- Advocated for a trade association representing the broadband industry by determining, directing, and implementing policy priorities.
- Advised a major technology company on the likely impact of the Supreme Court's ban on race-based college admission decisions to their supplier diversity programs, providing risk assessment and guidance for in-house counsel and supplier partners.
- Provided risk assessment and program evaluation for a nonprofit organization that mentors and assists diverse students seeking to secure judicial clerkships.

Professional Experience

- Federal Communications Commission
 - Deputy Chief and Special Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau (2022-2023)
 - Legal Advisor, Commissioner Geoffrey Starks (2019-2022)
 - Deputy Associate General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division, Office of General Counsel (2006-2014)
 - Assistant General Counsel/Chief of Staff, Office of General Counsel (2005-2006)
 - Associate Chief/Chief of Staff and Assistant Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau (2001-2005)
 - Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau (1999-2002),
 - Designated Federal Officer to the North American Numbering Council (1999-2000)
 - Deputy Chief & Staff Attorney, Formal Complaints, and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau (1996-1999)
- Senior Advisor for Technology and Telecom, The National Urban League, Washington Bureau (2019)
- Vice Chair, North American Numbering Council (2017-2019)
- Vice President, USTelecom – The Broadband Association, Law & Policy (2014-2019)
- Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law (2004-2006)
- Associate Attorney, Private law practice, Litigation (1993-1995)
- Area Project Manager, The Excelsior Companies (1990-1992)
- Manager, Manor Care, Inc., Tax Credit Department (1985-1989)

Affiliations

- Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA)
 - President (2023-2024)

- President-Elect (2022-2023)
- Secretary (2022)
- Treasurer (2021-2022)
- Assistant Treasurer (2020-2021)
- Executive Committee Member (2017-2020, 2024-Present)

Recognitions

- Named by *The Legal 500 US* a "Recommended Lawyer" (2024) in Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America* directory for Communications Law (2025-2026)