

Richard J. Bodorff

Senior Counsel

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Dick serves as senior counsel to Wiley. He has represented the nation's largest radio broadcasting company and the largest television group owner. He has helped structure and obtain regulatory approvals for numerous transactions as the industry has consolidated and provides day-to-day Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulatory advice. He is the Chairman of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission and serves on the board of the Maryland Public Television Foundation. He has also served on the boards of the America's Public Television Stations (APTS) and Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation, now Virginia Public Media.

Representative Matters

- Represented Nexstar Media Group in obtaining FCC approval for its \$7.2 billion acquisition of Tribune Media Company, creating the country's largest local television broadcaster and media company.
- Represented iHeartMedia, Inc., on FCC matters in connection with its Chapter 11 restructuring, which involved consolidated debts of more than \$20 billion and was the largest restructuring of 2018.

Professional Experience

- Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission
 - Chairman (2025)

Practice Areas

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Telecom, Media & Technology

Credentials

Education

J.D., Vanderbilt Law School
B.A., *cum laude*, Denison University; Alumni Citation (highest alumni honor)

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar
Tennessee Bar
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Third, Tenth, and District of Columbia Circuits

- Vice Chairman (2020-2025)
- Maryland Public Television Foundation (MPT)
 - Chairman (2022-2025)
 - Board of Directors (2019-Present)
- Director (1985-2013), Chairman (2004-2006), and Vice Chairman (1995-2004, 2010-2011), Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation, now Virginia Public Media
- Trustee (1995-2001) and Vice Chairman (2000-2001), America's Public Television Stations
- Attorney, Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, Legislation and Litigation Divisions (1974-1977)
- Law Clerk to Commissioner Richard E. Wiley, Federal Communications Commission (1973)

Affiliations

- Broadcasters Foundation of America
 - General Counsel/Secretary (2019-2021)
 - Board of Directors (2009-Present)
- Board of Trustees, Denison University (1977-1983)

Recognitions

- Recipient of the Chairman's Award from the Broadcasters Foundation of America (2025)
- Recipient of the Ward L. Quaal Leadership Award from the Broadcasters Foundation of America (2018)
- Named by *The Legal 500 US* a "recommended lawyer" in Telecom and Broadcast Transactional Law (2017)
- Inducted into the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council Hall of Fame (2011)
- Named one of DC's "Super Lawyers" for Communications by *Super Lawyers* magazine (2007-2019, Corporate Counsel Edition, August 2008)
- AV Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell's highest ranking by peers for general ethical standards and legal ability