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WRF Attorneys Author *Bankruptcy Telecommunications Manual*

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Washington, DC-The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) has just published the *Bankruptcy Telecommunications Manual* authored by Wiley Rein & Fielding attorneys H. Jason Gold, Valerie P. Morrison and Peter D. Shields with contributions from Robert J. Butler.

The release of this manual comes as the telecommunications industry recovers from the effects of a tumultuous year. In 2002, former industry giants including WorldCom, Adelphia Communications, Global Crossing, XO Communications, and Metromedia sought bankruptcy protection. Today, companies continue to struggle as they compete for market share in an increasingly competitive environment.

The *Bankruptcy Telecommunications Manual* provides an overview of basic bankruptcy law for the telecom professional and basic communications law for the insolvency professional. The 127-page manual examines the interrelationship and conflict between the Communications Act and the Bankruptcy Code, covering issues such as discontinuation of service, interconnection, non-discrimination in delivery of service, transfer and assignment of FCC licenses, and more. Each section is annotated with leading authority from both the courts and the FCC; key terms, statutes and regulatory schemes are also included.

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