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- Listed among The Best Lawyers in America in Communications, in *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Reports*.
- Recognized as a Washington D.C. SuperLawyer[®].
- Federal Communications Bar Association Co-Chair, fourteen years running.

Andy Klein maintains a national communications practice, representing companies in a variety of regulatory, litigation, compliance, transactional and contract matters in court and before the Federal Communications Commission and state public utility commissions nationwide.

Andy works with clients to develop and advocate positions on both national and state-specific issues. He represents companies in commercial litigation and arbitration, advises clients on strategic planning and policy issues, and negotiates intercarrier, end user and transactional agreements. Andy regularly participates in transactional and policymaking proceedings addressing, for example, broadband, fiber deployment, intercarrier compensation, VoIP regulation, access to network elements,

USF, carrier metrics and performance assurance.

Andy previously served as Session Counsel to the New York Public Service Commission, reviewing and coordinating all session items under consideration in all of the industries regulated by the commission. He worked closely with the Chairman to develop and implement pro-competitive policies in key areas such as local exchange competition, broadband deployment, cable regulation, BPL and energy deregulation. Andy conducted Director-level meetings to coordinate commission sessions and brief Commissioners on all items under consideration.

Prior to being appointed Session Counsel, Andy led the review of Verizon's compliance with the market-opening mandates of the federal Telecom Act of 1996, implementing policies to facilitate local exchange and broadband competition. He negotiated and drafted the landmark Section 271 Pre-filing Statement, conducted weeks of hearings, and was instrumental in the creation of the seminal Performance Assurance Plan. Andy also served as lead counsel to the commission team reviewing the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX merger, and coordinated Telecom Act implementation with attorneys at the FCC, U.S. Department of Justice, and other state commissions.

Before launching Klein Law Group, Andy was with DLA Piper, one of the largest law firms in the world with over 4,000 attorneys in 70+ offices worldwide. Before joining DLA Piper, Andy was with Kelley Drye & Warren, that had one of the largest law firm telecom practices.

Andy speaks regularly at conferences and seminars across the United States addressing important legal, regulatory, contractual and operational issues, and authored a book chapter on Telecom Settlements & Negotiations. He is a 1992 graduate of Albany Law School of Union University, and received his undergraduate degrees in Economics and Government from Clark University. Andy is licensed to practice in New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia, many federal courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

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