



## Michael H. Pryor

Shareholder

[mpryor@bhfs.com](mailto:mpryor@bhfs.com)

202.383.4706

Washington, DC

Michael Pryor has built an impressive practice representing cable, telecommunications and wireless companies in federal and state regulatory proceedings, litigation and transactions. He has particular expertise in advancing clients' positions in complex rulemakings and regulatory adjudications. He has worked extensively in merger and acquisitions of telecommunications assets, including regulatory due diligence, and the successful prosecution of transfer of control applications at the federal and state level.

His substantive background ranges from the arcane regulation of intercarrier compensation to the legal underpinnings of agency decision-making. He is equally adept at negotiating fiber contracts as he is arguing in federal appellate courts. He has also developed an emphasis in privacy regulation and cybersecurity best practices related to the communications sector.

His deep understanding of the regulatory process was developed in part while serving as the deputy chief of the policy division in the Federal Communication Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau from 1996 to 1999. While there, he drafted rules implementing local competition provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and spearheaded reviews of major proceedings, such as Worldcom's merger with MCI.

Prior to joining the firm he served as special counsel for Cooley's regulatory communications practice.

### Practices

Government Relations, Litigation

### Publications & Presentations

- FCC Adds a Reassigned Numbers Database Safe Harbor, *Brownstein Client Alert*, December 18, 2018
- The Challenge of Increasing Broadband Access on Tribal Lands, *Brownstein Client Alert*, December 3, 2018
- The FCC Steps Up Efforts to Restrict "Robocalls", *Brownstein Client Alert*, November 27, 2018
- Call Blocking and Labeling, Speaker, ACA International, October 18, 2018
- The FCC Moves Forward with Potential New 911 Obligations for Hotels and Offices, *Brownstein Client Alert*, September 10, 2018
- Changes Are Coming For Providers Of 800 Numbers, Author, *Law360*, May 30, 2018
- Changes Are Coming for Providers and Users of 800 Numbers, *Brownstein Client Alert*, May 22, 2018
- FCC Seeks to Address Critical TCPA Issues after D.C. Circuit Loss, *Brownstein Client Alert*, May 21, 2018
- Passage of "Kari's Law" Imposes New 9-1-1 Obligations on Hotels, Author, *Hotel Executive*, April 22, 2018
- The D.C. Circuit Issues a Split Ruling on the FCC's 2015 Omnibus TCPA Order, *Brownstein Client Alert*, March 19, 2018

### Education

- 1988, *magna cum laude*, Georgetown University Law Center
- 1978, Western Washington University

**Admissions**

- California
- District of Columbia