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Tamar has more than 25 years of experience representing clients on telecommunications issues before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), state public utility commissions, courts and Congress. Tamar regularly counsels clients in the day-to-day management of incorporating regulatory compliance into their businesses. She also advises carriers, private equity firms and venture capital funds with respect to investments in the telecommunications, media and technology (TMT) sectors.

Tamar advises clients with respect to telecommunications rulemakings, regulatory compliance, audits and investigations, transactional diligence and regulatory approvals. Her clients include competitive fiber providers, communications infrastructure providers, unified communications as a service (UCaaS) providers, a Telecommunications Relay Services provider and private equity firms investing in the TMT sector.

Tamar represents communications companies in key proceedings before the FCC regarding broadband, universal service, competition and Telecommunications Relay Services. Tamar advises clients on all aspects of universal service – including contributions to the Universal Service Fund (USF) and distributions from the federal USF and other broadband funding programs, including E-rate. She assists clients with developing basic regulatory compliance programs, prosecuting appeals before both the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC, advocating for policy changes, and defending companies under audits and investigations for possible violations of laws and regulations.

In her transactional practice, Tamar advises a broad range of companies and investors on the regulatory aspects of mergers, acquisitions and investments. In particular, she advises clients on regulatory diligence issues and FCC, state commission and local authority regulatory approvals.

Tamar also is a frequent speaker at industry events, covering issues relating to broadband, universal service and transactions in the TMT sector.

Before joining Cooley, Tamar was a partner in the corporate practice of another international law firm.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center
JD, 1994

Bucknell University
BA, 1991

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

Maryland

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Rankings & Accolades

The Best Lawyers in America: Communications Law – Washington, DC (2020, 2022 – 2025)

TDI: H. Latham Breunig Humanitarian Award (2023)

The Legal 500 US: Media, technology and telecoms: Telecoms and broadcast: regulatory (2018, 2023)

Who's Who Legal: Telecoms, Media & Entertainment (2023)

Who's Who Legal: Data: Telecoms & Media (2016 – 2019)

Memberships & Affiliations

Federal Communications Bar Association