

## Ari Q. Fitzgerald

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### Biography

Ari Fitzgerald leads the firm's Communications, Internet, and Media practice. He provides strategic, legal, and policy advice on a wide range of communications and spectrum policy issues to some of the world's largest and most dynamic communications network operators and equipment manufacturers, as well as industry trade associations and investors.

Ari enjoys helping automobile manufacturers and suppliers, medical device manufacturers, and other technology companies bring new and innovative communications-related products and services to market.

Ari had a distinguished career in government before joining the firm as a partner in 2001. He was a legal adviser to former FCC Chairman Bill Kennard, as well as Deputy Chief of the FCC's International Bureau. He also worked as a legal adviser in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, where he advised the White House, executive branch agencies, and the U.S. attorney general on constitutional and federal statutory interpretation matters.

Ari started his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable H. Lee Sarokin, U.S. district judge, and worked for several years after his judicial clerkship as



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### Languages

Spanish

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### Practices

Communications, Internet, and Media

Space and Satellite

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### Industries

Technology and Telecoms

Automotive

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### Areas of focus

Connected Cars

legal counsel to former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Ari worked as a financial analyst in the corporate finance department of the global investment bank First Boston Corporation before entering law school.

Ari serves on the board of directors of Crown Castle International, a large, publicly owned operator of towers, fiber optic cable, and other communications infrastructure, and on the advisory board of several private technology companies and policy advocacy organizations. He also serves on the board of several nonprofit entities, including as vice president of the Yale Law School Alumni Executive Committee, secretary of the Multicultural Media and Telecommunications Council, president of the Duke Ellington Fund, and as an advisory board member of Catholic Charities Legal Network.

## Representative experience

Advised T-Mobile in connection with its proposed acquisition of 700 MHz licenses from Columbia Capital.

Advised the fourth-largest bidder in the FCC's 2015 AWS-3 spectrum auction on all aspects of its participation in the auction.

Represented the two major automobile manufacturer trade associations in the FCC's 5.9 GHz proceeding.

Represents General Electric in a wide range of FCC proceedings affecting its medical device, drone delivery, and consumer appliance and industrial communications businesses.

Represents a wide range of automobile manufacturers and suppliers on telecom policy, telematics, and connected car-related issues before the FCC and other U.S. regulatory agencies.

Represents Vodafone on telecom and national security-related issues at the FCC and U.S. Team Telecom.

Infrastructure and Equipment

Spectrum

Medical Devices

Electronics and Consumer Appliances

Retail and Consumer Goods

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Yale Law School, 1990

Henry Luce Scholar, 1985

A.B., Harvard College, magna cum laude, 1984

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## Memberships

Board of Directors, Crown Castle International

President, Duke Ellington Fund

Vice President, Yale Law School Alumni Executive Committee

Federal Communications Bar Association

Advisory Committee, Mobile Future

Advisory Committee, Spectrum Bridge

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

Advised T-Mobile in connection with the FCC's 600 MHz broadcast incentive auction.

Represented Kinderhook Industries before the FCC in connection with its acquisition of Video Relay Service provider, CSDVRS.

## Awards and rankings

- Hall of Fame, *Wireless History Foundation*, 2021
- Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (District of Columbia), Band 2, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2020
- Technology MVP, *Law 360*, 2017
- Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite (District of Columbia), *Chambers USA*, 2010-2013
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *Legal 500 US*, 2014, 2016-2020
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory, *Legal 500 US*, 2010-2011, 2013-2020
- Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Technology: Transactions, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2018
- Transport: Rail and Road: Regulation, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2019
- Communications, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2008-2009, 2014-2015
- Regulatory Communications, *Who's Who Legal 100*, 2013
- Top Attorneys in Intellectual Property, Franchise and Dealership, Information Technology, Communications, and Civil Litigation Defense, *Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition*, 2008
- Henry Luce Scholar in Asia, 1984-1985

## Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
  - Hogan Lovells partner Ari Fitzgerald inducted to

Connecticut

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## Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

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## Accolades

"Ari Fitzgerald is a very skilled advocate, who has noteworthy expertise in telecom-related policy, especially relating to the FCC's incentive auctions."

*Chambers USA*

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"He continues to attract a wide range of clients, from industry-leading service providers and vendors to trade associations."

*Chambers USA*

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## The Wireless History Foundation's Hall of Fame

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Hogan Lovells Living Mobility Spotlight Q&A series
- Announcements
  - Telecoms lawyer Gerald Oberst rejoins Hogan Lovells as senior counsel
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Mobility and Transportation - Hot Topic Q&A Interviews
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Election 2020 Snapshot: Helping our technology and telecom clients make sense of the U.S. election results
- News
  - FCC reallocates transportation safety spectrum for Wi-Fi use, endorses C-V2X for auto safety