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A recognized leader in providing sound business solutions to established and emerging companies in all areas of communications services, from traditional telephone, cable television and Internet access to VoIP, video/media, telehealth, telepresence, cloud-based services, and newer technologies such as artificial intelligence. Three decades of experience addressing the business, regulatory, financial, and legal issues confronting businesses in the communications industry that are heavily reliant on new technologies. An authority on corporate financings, acquisitions, mergers and integration strategies involving communications companies. Experienced law firm leader and manager, and pioneer in the areas of law firm diversity and women in the legal workplace.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, Washington, D.C.

April 2008 - present

Managing Partner of DC Office

Leader of Firm Communications Practice

Member of Women's Initiative Committee

- Manage and service a multi-million dollar communications practice
- Nationally recognized communications attorney for regulatory, transactions, litigation, and taxation matters for cable, telecommunications, ISP, broadcast & satellite businesses
- Responsible for all operational and management aspects of DC office
- Increased DC office net income and expanded DC legal team
- Accomplished speaker and author on communications industry business issues

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., Washington, D.C.

1994 - 2008

Firm Executive Management Team

2004 - 2006

Managing Partner of DC Office

2002 - 2008

Executive/Policy Committee

Partner Compensation Committee

Chair of Communication Practice

Chair of Diversity Committee

- Elected by Members to serve as one of four-person executive management team responsible for all aspects of management and strategic planning for entire firm, comprising 8 offices, approximately 330 lawyers, and 200 non-lawyers
- Managed and serviced multi-million dollar communications practice
- Responsible for all operational and management aspects of DC office with 70 lawyers and 40 staff
- Chair of Communications Practice Group
- Responsible for multiple budgets: Entire Firm, DC Office, Communications Practice Group, and Diversity Committee

- Chair of the Diversity Committee - achieved top rankings among American law firms by implementing firm policies and programs for women and minorities, and applauded by several organizations, including *Working Mother* magazine, *50 Best Law Firms for Women* (2007); *Multi-Cultural Law, The Magazine for Diversity in the Legal Profession*, *Top 100 Law Firms for Diversity* (2007); and Vault/Minority Corporate Counsel Association (2005 -2007)

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, Washington, D.C. 1990 – 1994
Associate; recruiting committee member

- Represented a wide variety of telecommunications, radio, broadcast, cable, newspaper, energy, and insurance companies on regulatory and litigation matters

Sprint Corporation, Washington, D.C. 1988 - 1990
Senior Regulatory Attorney

- Represented Sprint before state regulatory agencies and courts in 17 east coast states and was responsible for management of outside counsel

BOARDS

Board Member, World Unity, Inc., a non-profit corporation 2006 - 2008

EDUCATION

MIT Sloan School of Management and MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), Executive Education Program, Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Business Strategy 2018

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Washington, D.C. 1987
J.D.; Certificate, The Institute of Communications Law Studies

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 1983
B.A., Speech Communications

Recognitions:

National Law Journal, Outstanding Women Lawyers (May 2015) – selected as one of 75 of the nations most accomplished female attorneys

The American Bar Foundation - Life Fellow

Chambers USA – District of Columbia, Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite – Regulatory & Transactions

Legal 500 – Media, Technology and Telecoms: Telecom and Broadcast – Regulatory and Transactional

Martindale-Hubbell® –AV Preeminent® Rating – the highest possible rating for both ethical standards and legal ability

Numerous Publications, Presentations, and Media