



## Communications, Technologies, and Utilities

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Communications and utilities providers face new challenges as they deploy technologies that challenge existing regulatory and competitive environments. Chambliss attorneys understand how to help clients speed deployment of infrastructure and capture market share with modern technologies.

Chambliss attorneys have spent years helping clients deploy modern wired and wireless telecommunications infrastructure to leap ahead of traditional copper and coax. Whether shepherding legislative changes to permit new competitive communications offerings, navigating regulatory and legal challenges from incumbent providers, addressing infrastructure siting challenges, or helping clients deal with content providers, we focus on solutions for our clients.

We have worked for more than two decades to promote new competition in the communications industry. We helped gain passage of legislation that permitted Tennessee municipal electric systems offer telephone, cable TV, and Internet services. We have worked with Chattanooga's municipal electric system, EPB, as it built a fiber optics system that powers the world's fastest Internet and makes possible a smart grid that has reduced power outages by 60%. We assisted EPB with financing plans, regulatory approvals, franchises, and content contracts. Along the way, we led successful efforts to defeat legal challenges by incumbent communications providers.

We understand the importance to communications companies of fair access to public rights of way and privately owned sites for installation of fiber and wireless facilities. We have experience negotiating franchises and other access agreements on terms that permit fair, competitive access to communications markets. We work with our clients to find solutions to the challenges posed by new technologies, an evolving regulatory environment, and newly competitive markets.

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