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At a Glance

Gerry advocates against preemption of local public and private property owners rights in state and federal legislative bodies and before corresponding regulatory agencies.

He is a registered federal lobbyist and has both public and private sector advocacy experience protecting local rights of way when dealing with cable, small cell, broadband and telecommunications franchising and renewals.

Gerry is also one of the nation's leading authorities on marketplace solutions for deployment of small cells and other wireless technologies, including municipal broadband and WiFi services.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Business
- Government Relations
- Municipal Law
- Real Estate
- Telecommunications

Industries

- Business
- Municipal

Profile

Gerard Lavery Lederer's unique background as a nationally recognized telecommunications, cable and small cell lawyer combined with his experiences as a registered federal lobbyist provides clients unparalleled service in seeking both legislative and transactional solutions. Prior to joining Best Best & Krieger LLP as a partner in the Municipal Law practice group in Washington, D.C., Gerry was an attorney with Miller & Van Eaton, a highly regarded local government rights of way law firm.

Understanding the Marketplace

Gerry is one of the nation's leading authorities on marketplace solutions for the

seamless integration of cable and wireless technology into communities. He authored “Critical Connections” and “Wired for Profit,” two leading guides on the integration of telecommunications technology into the built environment. He developed the first model license agreements for access to buildings and rooftops to promote cooperative relations between telecommunications service providers and property owners, while protecting both parties’ interests. He has facilitated the negotiations on some of the leading cable franchise and small cell agreements in the nation.

A Voice for Local Government

Gerry advocates for public and private property owners regarding issues of law and policy arising from federal and state communications legislation and regulation. Gerry serves as legislative counsel and lead Washington advocate for TeleCommUnity, a collection of local governments dedicated to ensuring respect for local rights in federal legislative and regulatory activity. He has also led numerous FCC coalitions of local governments on cable and wireless regulations.

Since arriving in Washington, D.C. in 1985 as the City of Philadelphia’s Washington advocate, Gerry has served as Washington legislative counsel to a number of local governments and agencies, including as lead advocate for local governments on infrastructure issues and as general counsel of the United States Conference of Mayors. He has also served as executive director of advocacy and research advancement for the Building Owners and Managers Association, International and executive director of government affairs for the United States Telephone Association. Prior to his career in Washington, he served as the chief deputy city commissioner for the City of Philadelphia. This position oversees the city’s voter registration and election day. He is a member of the Federal Communications Bar Association and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors from him he has received numerous Ovation Awards and was the 2011 NATOA Member of the Year.

Education

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D.
- Haverford College, B.A.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (inactive)
- New Jersey

Community Involvement

- Member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Potomac, Maryland

- Assistant Scout Master of Troop 461
- Fathers Club of Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart

Authorships

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FCC Releases Cable Order that Will Cost Communities Hundreds of Millions of Dollars

BB&K Summarizes Order's Four Major Elements and Offers Response Options

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FCC's OTARD Rule Proposal: Comment Period Open

Partner Gerry Lederer Discusses New Developments in PublicCEO

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Further FCC Assault on Local Zoning

Join Coalition to Fight Proposed Expansion of OTARD Rule

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Federal Shutdown Does Not Delay Implementation

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Communities Coalition Forming Now

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Immediate Action Needed — Community Coalition Forming

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Details Local Agencies Need are Included

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Comments Due Soon — BB&K Coalition Formed to Respond

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Rules Ensure Broadband-Ready Developments

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Court Allows City's Ordinance

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New Rules Impact PEG Access Stations' Responsibilities Regarding Closed Captioning

Additional Reporting and Compliance Requirements

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FCC Looking to Increase Eligibility for Reimbursement

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Failure to Comply Could Impact HUD Funding

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FCC Will Seek Comments

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New Federal Bill for Transportation Funding on the Road to Passage

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Municipalities Should Ensure They Will Be in Compliance

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FCC Wants Technology Transmitting Location of Indoor 911 Calls from Cell Phones

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