

# Nicholas P. Miller

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## At a Glance

Nick represents local governments and joint powers authorities in the regulation, procurement, deployment and operation of modern telecommunications systems.

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## Profile

Nicholas P. Miller advises local governments on the law and policy governing modern wireline and wireless telecommunications networks, and the legislative aspects of communications law. A partner in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Municipal Law practice group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, Nick represents local governments and joint powers authorities across the nation in the regulation, procurement, deployment and operation of modern telecommunications systems.

## Telecommunications Law

Nick is well known for the many telecommunications transactions he has negotiated on behalf of local governments, including cable television franchises, right-of-way agreements, fiber optic and wireless partnerships, and government owned and operated telecommunications networks. He works extensively with

## Areas of Focus

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the national local government associations, as well as individual communities, before the Federal Communications Commission and Congress.

## **Federal Advocacy**

Nick's practice focuses on federal law and policy with particular emphasis on the legislative aspects of communications law. He previously served on the staff of the U.S. Senate, where he worked on natural gas, energy taxes, energy conservation, and federal budget reform. He served as U. S. Senate Communications Counsel and as special consultant to the White House on telephone deregulation issues.

Nick worked with international multilateral agencies engaged in telecommunications policy advice to developing countries. He represented local governments in lobbying the Cable Act of 1984 and 1992, the AT&T divestiture and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. He represented the national coalition of education groups in the development of the school and library universal service discount program established by the 1996 Act.

Prior to joining the firm in 2011, he was a name partner of Miller & Van Eaton, a nationally recognized telecommunications law firm. He is a member of the Federal Communications Bar Association, and an honorary lifetime member and 1995 Member of the Year of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. He is also a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, which named him Associate Member of the Year for 2008.

Nick served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. He was a founding partner of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Miller and Holbrooke. He is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and District of Columbia circuits.

## **Education**

- University of Washington, J.D.
- University of Washington, B.A., economics

## **Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Washington

## **Awards**

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- Washington, D.C. Top Rated Lawyer in Communications Law, American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell, 2013
- IMLA Associate Member of the Year, 2008
- NATOA, Lifetime Member. 2000

- NATOA, Member of the Year, 1995
- Newmyer Award, Sidwell Friends School, 1993
- McDonald, Hoague & Bayless Scholarship, 1973

## Authorships

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