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Henry's practice includes representing and serving as counsel to communications, media and commercial space clients before regulators at the federal level. He regularly counsels satellite and telecommunications companies on the latest regulations for new and advanced technology. He also works closely with broadcasters, cable operators and telecommunications companies on policy, enforcement and licensing matters, principally before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Henry assists broadcast groups, commercial space companies, wireless operators and investors with evaluating and addressing business and regulatory issues in the purchase and sale of FCC-regulated properties. Additionally, he counsels wireless and new space companies, private equity firms and others on critical FCC proceedings affecting their business. Henry has represented numerous entities in enforcement proceedings at the FCC – including several successful defenses that resulted in the FCC deciding not to take action. He also counsels unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) clients on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

While in law school, Henry served as a paralegal for Cooley's communications practice group. He also completed an internship at the FCC in the office of former Commissioner Robert McDowell. Before attending law school, Henry worked as an administrator at multiple higher education institutions.

Henry's representative matters include:

- Representing Apollo Global Management in broadcast television and radio transactions
- Advising Axiom Space on licensing and equipment authorization matters for private astronaut missions and space station design
- Representing T-Mobile in its acquisition of Sprint
- Advising Gray Television in its acquisition of Raycom Media, Quincy Media's broadcast properties, and numerous other television and radio broadcast stations
- Defending clients in FCC enforcement actions
- Counseling on Microsoft's efforts to promote rural broadband deployments
- Frequently advising broadcast clients on compliance with FCC rules regarding – among other things – children's programming, closed captioning, contests and public file obligations
- Advising on commercial use of UAVs

Education

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law JD, cum laude, 2012

Indiana University Wendell School of Education MS, Education, 2006

University of Arkansas, Sam M. Walton College of Business BA, Business, cum laude, 2004

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

Missouri

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Media & Entertainment: Regulatory – District of Columbia (2025)

Chambers USA: Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite – District of Columbia (2023 – 2025)

The Legal 500 US: Media, Technology and Telecoms – Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory (2020 – 2025)

Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch (2021– 2023) - Communications Law, Technology Law

Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2019 – 2022)

Memberships & Affiliations

Federal Communications Bar Association