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Giselle represents clients in the media, technology, startup, telecommunications and social media industries on a range of regulatory matters. She counsels clients on regulatory strategy and helps them navigate complex federal regulatory requirements.

She advises domestic and international technology companies on matters before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and has helped successfully obtain Conditional Approvals for international companies affected by additions to the FCC's Covered List. She has assisted social media companies in government investigations involving potential violations of consumer protection laws, and also assisted media and technology companies with privacy and antitrust matters before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Department of Justice (DOJ) Antitrust Division.

Giselle's experience also includes regularly advising television and radio broadcast stations on compliance with FCC regulations, including children's programming, closed captioning and public inspection file obligations.

Giselle has represented clients in enforcement proceedings at the FCC. She advises telecommunications providers, broadband and internet service providers, and video service providers on federal, state and local regulatory matters. She also represents telecommunications clients in matters involving the federal E-Rate program, including competitive bidding disputes and funding appeals, and advises clients on regulatory compliance related to space and satellite operations.

In addition, Giselle maintains an active pro bono practice.

Before joining Cooley, Giselle earned her JD from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar. She also served on the board of the Latinx Law Students Association and participated in the Lawyering in the Digital Age Clinic. She received a master's degree in the social science of the internet from the University of Oxford as a Jarvis and Constance Doctorow fellow and holds a bachelor's degree in literature from Columbia University.

Education

Columbia Law School JD, Harlan Fiske Stone scholar, 2024

University of Oxford MSc, Social Science of the Internet, with merit, 2021

Columbia University BA, Literature, 2020

Admissions & Credentials

California

District of Columbia

Rankings & Accolades

American Bar Association Forum on Communications Law: Rising Star (2026)

Memberships & Affiliations

Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)

Federal Communications Bar Association

American Bar Association (ABA)

SEO (Sponsors for Educational Opportunity) Law fellow