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Mr. Rosen is a partner at Levine, Blaszak, Block & Boothby, LLP. Steve's practice focuses on federal grant and aid programs (the E-Rate Program and the Rural Healthcare Program) and federal and state regulation of wireless and wireline telecommunications and information services - including the taxation of these services. He is also familiar with the negotiation of contracts for the purchase and sale of goods and services by small enterprises.

Steve has assisted school districts in complying with FCC and USAC rules governing the districts' obtaining, and properly using, E-Rate grants for telecommunications and other services. He represented a large urban school district that was under investigation by the Enforcement Bureau's Universal Service Strike Force and helped negotiate a consent decree terminating the investigation. Steve has also represented a large state university hospital system in its negotiations with USAC and the FCC over various Rural Healthcare Program grants.

Regarding his tax and fee work, Steve assists enterprise clients in obtaining refunds of misapplied state and local taxes and fees on telecom services. While representing enterprise clients, he was also responsible for prosecuting lawsuits in federal district court and the Court of Federal Claims and for bringing the associated appeals that contributed to the IRS's decision in May 2006 to stop applying the federal excise tax on communications ("FET") to long distance and wireless calls. Leveraging his success on behalf of enterprise clients Steve also obtained FET refunds on behalf of numerous providers of prepaid telephone cards.

Steve has also counseled clients on the regulatory status of various services and on compliance with applicable FCC regulatory requirements, including the Commission's 911 certification requirements, equipment authorization procedures, and private radio licensing requirements. In addition, he has participated in complaint proceedings on behalf of enterprise customers before the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and in federal district court and has been active in the review of investment contracts for compliance with the Communications Act and FCC rules.

Finally, Steve has assisted numerous small enterprises in their negotiation of contracts for the purchase and sale of goods and professional services.

Before joining the firm, Steve was a member of the FCC regulatory practice at Wiley, Rein. After graduating from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Michael Farrell on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. While pursuing his J.D., Steve served as a member of the GW Law Review and earned membership in the Order of the Coif. Before he practiced law, Steve was a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Air Force, and he wrote software for interactive video programs used in medical education.

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court

Education

- The George Washington University, J.D.
- Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, M.P.H.
- Princeton University, B.A.

Memberships

- Federal Communications Bar Association/The Tech Bar

Related Practices

- Telecom Tax and Fee Recovery
- Communications Regulatory Advice and Advocacy
- Spectrum, Wireless and Infrastructure Development