

# Timothy G. Nelson

Associate



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A former TV reporter, Tim Nelson brings his interest and experience in broadcast news, including his knack for asking the right questions and creativity in problem solving, to bear for his clients. Tim's work includes media law, FCC regulatory work, and corporate transactions, especially for media and communications companies.



#### PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Corporate  
› Mergers & Acquisitions  
Media and Publishing  
Telecommunications

#### INDUSTRIES

Film & Television  
Media, Publishing, & Communications  
Telecom  
Trade Organizations

#### EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law  
J.D., 2012, with high honors; Order of the Coif; Comments Editor, *North Carolina Law Review*, 2011-12; Staff Member, *North Carolina Law Review*, 2010-11

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
B.A., 2002, Morehead Scholar; Outstanding Graduating Senior, Broadcast Journalism Sequence, Journalism School

#### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina  
US Court of Appeals  
4th Circuit  
D.C. Circuit  
US District Court - North Carolina  
Western District  
Middle District  
Eastern District

## MY PRACTICE

### MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS LAW

Tim has significant experience representing clients in the media industry, such as television stations, radio stations, newspapers, broadcasting companies, and trade organizations. He helps these clients navigate the ever-changing media landscape and its particular legal challenges, including issues related to broadcast programming, engineering, First Amendment matters, defamation and copyrights.

### FCC REGULATORY COUNSEL

Tim regularly counsels broadcast clients on FCC regulation compliance issues, including political regulations, EEO reports and audits, ownership reports, contests and promotions, licensing, closed captioning, children's programming, emergency access, cable and satellite royalty proceedings, and public file requirements. Tim has also handled notice and comment proceedings before the FCC, providing written advocacy on hot-button issues of critical importance to his clients, and advocating for reform of certain industries regulated by the FCC.

### TRANSACTIONAL

Tim works with clients, particularly in the media industry, on a wide range of business transactions, including station and asset sales, mergers, acquisitions, and financing transactions. He drafts and negotiates licensing agreements, with a focus on retransmission consent agreements between television broadcasters and cable/satellite companies, sales agreements, organizational documents, and other business contracts. Tim navigates the complicated regulatory issues involved with these transactions when necessary.

## HONORS

Gressman-Pollitt Award (Best Oral Argument, Research/Writing/Advocacy Class), 2010

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member, North Carolina Bar Association

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association, Carolinas Chapter (2017-present)

Board member, Follow the Child Montessori School (2013-2016)

Youth soccer coach (Fall 2015, Fall 2017)

## PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Panelist, "What's the Whole Regulatory Picture at the FCC?" ABA Forum on Communication Law's "Representing Your Local Broadcaster" CLE, Las Vegas, NV, April 2017

Co-Author, *Survey of North Carolina Privacy Law and Related Claims Against the Media* Media Law Resource Center 50-State Survey, Media Privacy and Related Law, 2015 - present

"Flag on the Play: The Ineffectiveness of Athlete-Agent Laws and Regulations -- and How North Carolina Can Take Advantage of a Scandal To Be a Model for Reform," 90 N.C. L. Rev. 800 (2012).

Tim Nelson Elected to FCBA Executive Committee, August 2, 2018

Eighteen Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Speak at the 2016 Festival of Legal Learning, February 2, 2016

Cuba Update: Potential Business Opportunities Remain, September 4, 2015

Brooks Pierce Media Attorneys Author Survey of North Carolina Privacy and Related Claims Against the Media, July 13, 2015

Reopening of U.S.—Cuba Relations: Opportunity for North Carolina Businesses?, January 15, 2015

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Tim Nelson Serves as Panelist for ABA/FCBA "Representing Your Local Broadcaster" Conference, August 2, 2018

Tim Nelson Presents at 36th Annual "Representing Your Local Broadcaster" CLE as Part of the National Association of Broadcasters Show , April 27, 2017