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Overview

Brad provides his clients with the strategic, practical and timely guidance necessary to navigate compliance in complex and evolving regulated environments.

Brad's practice is focused on two areas - Political Law and Communications Law.

Political Law. Provides strategic advice to candidates, political committees, corporations and trade associations in all areas of Federal and State Political and Election Law. Brad served as General Counsel to both presidential campaigns for Senator Bernie Sanders. Prior to joining the firm, Brad served for eight years as Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Steven T. Walther at the Federal Election Commission (FEC), where he had previously served as Assistant General Counsel. During his tenure at the FEC, Brad advised Commissioner Walther, (who served as FEC Chairman in 2009 and as Vice Chairman in 2008), on all aspects of Campaign Finance Law and Administrative Law.

Communications Law. Counsels and represents radio and television stations. He assists clients with broadcast station transactions and regulatory compliance before the Federal Communications Commission, where he previously served as Special Assistant to the Chief of the Mass Media Bureau and as a Supervisory Attorney. Additionally, Brad has extensive experience assisting broadcast clients with complex transactions, licensing applications and rulemaking proceedings, derived from his prior work experience in private practice with the law firm Hogan & Hartson LLP (now renamed Hogan Lovells US LLP).

Areas of Focus

- [Intellectual Property Licensing & Transactions](#)

- [Charitable & Tax-Exempt Organizations](#)
- [Communications, Telecom & Media](#)
- [Copyright, Trademark, Trade Secret & More](#)
- [Election and Political Law, Public Policy & Lobbying](#)
- [Family-Owned & Closely Held Businesses](#)
- [Intellectual Property Litigation](#)
- [Intellectual Property, Privacy & Technology](#)
- [Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity](#)
- [Sports & Entertainment](#)

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2000
- Maryland, 1996
- New York, 1995

Education

- J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1994
 - Thomas F. Reddy Prize in Intellectual Property Law
 - Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award
- A.B., Brown University, American Civilization, 1987

Honors & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Communications Law, 2024-present
- Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers list, 2023-present

Professional Activities

- Federal Communications Bar Association, Member, 1993-present
- Foster Garvey, Managing Director
 - New York office, 2019-2026
 - Washington, D.C. office, 2019-2026
- Garvey Schubert Barer, Managing Director
 - New York office, 2019
 - Washington, D.C. office, 2019

Community Activities

- Oxford Community Center (Oxford, MD), Board Member

- Palisades Swim & Tennis Club (Cabin John, MD), Board Member (previously served as President and Vice President)

News & Insights

Blog Posts

[Federal Communications Commission Penalizes Marriott Vacations for Unauthorized Transfer of Private Radio Licenses](#)

[04.30.20](#)

[As Midnight Strikes, DC's Recreational Marijuana Initiative Becomes Law](#)

[02.25.15](#)

[DC's Up-'Hill' Battle](#)

[01.26.15](#)

[Advertising of Marijuana Products: A Broadcaster's Dilemma](#)

[01.05.15](#)

[Neighboring States File US Supreme Court Lawsuit Against Colorado](#)

[12.18.14](#)

[Congress Tells DOJ to Let States Implement Their Own Medical Marijuana Laws](#)

[12.16.14](#)

[Congress Poised to Use Federal Purse Strings to Put the Brakes on Legalization of Recreational Marijuana in DC](#)

[12.11.14](#)

News

[Brad Deutsch Selected to 2026 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers List](#)

[05.29.26](#)

[Brad Deutsch Featured in Communications Daily on Carr's Pledge America Campaign Tied to US Semiquincentennial](#)

[02.24.26](#)

[71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.21.25](#)

[Brad Deutsch Featured in 2025 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers](#)

[05.29.25](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Communications Daily on the FCC's Investigation of PBS and NPR Underwriting](#)

[01.31.25](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Radio World Article on Challenges Surrounding FCC's Expired Authority to Broadcast Spectrum](#)

[01.15.25](#)

[Brad Deutsch Represents Neuhoff Media on \\$4.3M Radio Station Sale](#)

[10.04.24](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Communications Daily on Trump's Call for ABC License Revocation After Debate Against Harris](#)

[09.13.24](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Current About the Potential for the FCC to Strip Public Media Stations of Their Non-Commercial Educational Status.](#)

[09.06.24](#)

[65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.15.24](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Radio and Television Business Report About NAB's Challenge to FCC's Decision to Reinstate FM Duplication Rule](#)

[08.06.24](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Current About Client Coalition's Landmark Win at FCC That Adds Non-Binary Options to Form 395-B](#)

[07.08.24](#)

[Foster Garvey and Coalition of Broadcasting Clients Achieve Landmark Success in Securing Non-Binary Gender Options for FCC Employment Form](#)

[06.28.24](#)

[Brad Deutsch Comments on Catholic Broadcasters' Appeal of EEO Order Adding Non-Binary Gender Options on FCC Employment Form](#)

[05.02.24](#)

[Jerry Rogers Sells His Savannah FM To A Local Buyer](#)

[10.03.23](#)

[57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.17.23](#)

[Melodie Virtue and Brad Deutsch Named to the 2023 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers List](#)

[04.24.23](#)

[Brad Deutsch Discusses the Arrest of FTX Founder Sam Bankman-Fried in The Washington Post](#)

[12.13.22](#)

[Brad Deutsch Weighs in on the Fate of Media Ownership Rule Revisions in Inside Radio Article](#)

[09.28.20](#)

[Brad Deutsch Comments on How Political Advertising on Radio Can Reach More Registered Voters in InsideRadio's Article](#)

[08.27.20](#)

[Brad Deutsch Mentioned in RBR+TVBR Article About FCC Decision to Eliminate Radio Duplication Rule](#)

[08.06.20](#)

[Foster Garvey Joins Free Speech For People in Supreme Court Petition to End Super PAC Spending in U.S. Elections](#)

[06.18.20](#)

[Brad Deutsch Comments on Supreme Court Petition Seeking to Abolish Super PACs](#)

[06.18.20](#)

[Free Speech for People and Legal Team of Foster Garvey Lawyers and Contributors Spearhead Potentially Transformative Campaign Finance Litigation](#)

[05.17.19](#)

[Working to Reform Campaign Finance Systems](#)

[01.01.19](#)

[Brad Deutsch Clears the Air on Marijuana Advertising in RAB 'Radio on Main Street' Interview](#)

[10.31.18](#)

[Brad Deutsch Comments on the Need for ATSC 3.0 Must-Carry Rules in Current](#)

[03.27.18](#)

[Brad Deutsch Quoted in Law360 About the Dismantling of the Main Studio Rule](#)

[10.26.17](#)

[Erwin Krasnow and Brad Deutsch Interviewed on The Small Market Radio Podcast](#)

[10.23.17](#)

[Radio on Main Street Podcast Featuring Brad Deutsch and Erwin Krasnow, Creators of RAB's Political Advertising Handbook](#)

[10.04.17](#)

Events

["Political Broadcasting Update with Brad Deutsch," NFCB Webinar](#)

[03.30.26](#)

["Developments in Electronic Media Regulation," Communications Law in the Digital Age 2025](#)

[11.06-11.07.2025](#)

["The FCC and Underwriting: A Compliance Workshop," Public Media Development and Marketing Conference](#)

[07.09.25](#)

[NFCB's 2025 Community Media Conference & 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

[06.10-06.11.2025](#)

[“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About The FCC \(But Were Afraid to Ask!\),” 2025 Native Broadcast Summit](#)

[05.05-05.06.2025](#)

[“Changing FCC and Regulatory Issues Impacting Public Media,” 2025 APTS Public Media Summit](#)

[02.25.25](#)

[“Underwriting and Sponsorship ID: FCC Guidelines Workshop,” 2024 Public Media Development and Marketing Conference \(PMDMC\)](#)

[06.09.26](#)

[Brad Deutsch on the FCC’s Radio Duplication Rule Return](#)

[06.01.24](#)

[“Sports Betting and Cannabis: Advertising on the Edge,” FCBA Media Committee](#)

[11.20.23](#)

[“FCC Guidelines Workshop: Managing Sponsor Messaging,” Public Media Development and Marketing Conference 2022](#)

[07.21.22](#)

[“FCC Underwriting Requirements,” 2022 NFCB Virtual Conference](#)

[07.05.22](#)

[“Ask an Attorney: Underwriting” 2022 NFCB Virtual Conference](#)

[06.28.22](#)

[“Radio Works for Lawyers,” Business Accelerated Initiative by Radio Advertising Bureau](#)

[07.21.21](#)

[“Open for Business: Election 2020,” Radio Advertising Bureau](#)

[08.24.20](#)

[RBR+TVBR InFOCUS Podcast](#)

[08.06.20](#)

["Considering Transitioning to NextGen TV? Ask the Experts!" Corporation for Public Broadcasting](#)

[11.20.19](#)

["Would You Credit That? An FCC Guidelines Workshop," 2019 Public Media Development and Marketing Conference \(PMDMC\)](#)

[07.10.19](#)

["Legal Updates \(a/k/a 'Larry and Brad's Stuff'\)," 2019 NETA Conference & CPB Public Media Thought Leader Forum](#)

[01.23.19](#)

["The Cannabis Industry and Public Media Underwriting," Greater Public Webinar](#)

[10.04.18](#)

["Let's Talk the FCC & Copy," Presentation to the Radio Heritage Group and the Middle Market Underwriting Group at the Public Media Development and Marketing Conference \(PMDMC\)](#)

[07.10.18](#)

["Staying Compliant in 2018 and Beyond," Government Relations Association Ethics Refresher](#)

[06.08.18](#)

["How to Keep Your Campaign Legal," Progressive Change Campaign Committee – National Candidate Training](#)

[04.15.18](#)

["2018 Election Issues for Public Broadcasters," National Educational Telecommunications Association \(NETA\) Webinar](#)

[04.05.18](#)

[The FCC's Rules of the ATSC 3.0 Road](#)

[12.05.17](#)

["Election Year Special: Underwriting with Candidates, Campaigns, and PACs," NFCB Political Broadcasting Webinar](#)

[09.13.16](#)

[“Get Ready for the 2016 Political Advertising Season,” National Association of Broadcasters \(NAB\) Webcast](#)

[06.30.16](#)

["Election 2016 - A Whole New Playbook for Political Advertising," National Association of Broadcasters – 2016 NAB Show](#)

[04.19.16](#)

[“Hot First Amendment Topics: Campaign Finance and the 2016 Election,” ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice](#)

[02.17.16](#)

[“Are you Dressed for Transparency?” PMBA Annual Conference, 2015](#)

[05.26.15](#)

Legal Alerts

[Five Best Practices to Avoid Violating the TCPA](#)

[04.28.26](#)

[FCC's Noncommercial FM Filing Window Opens in Early 2021 - Key Considerations for Applicants](#)

[02.04.21](#)

[Federal Communications Commission Penalizes Marriott Vacations for Unauthorized Transfer of Private Radio Licenses](#)

[05.01.20](#)

Publications

[Brad Deutsch Illuminates Washington’s Key Broadcast Media Moments on RBR+TVBR InFOCUS Podcast](#)

[10.09.23](#)

[What the Marijuana Industry's Organization Voluntary Ad Standards Mean for Radio](#)

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[The Uncertain World of Marijuana Advertising Part Two - Radio's Digital Platforms](#)

[09.17.18](#)

[The Uncertain World of Marijuana Advertising](#)

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[Why the Main Studio Rule Must Go](#)

[05.11.17](#)

[Garvey Schubert Barer and TVNewsCheck Release Free Political Advertising Handbook for Television Industry](#)

[02.16.16](#)

[2015-2016 Political Advertising Handbook For The Radio Account Executive](#)

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