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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, LLB, 1961
Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania, BS in Economics, 1958
Philadelphia, PA

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Ohio (Inactive)

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth,

For more than four decades, Jim Horwood has been helping his governmental and other energy and communications clients keep ahead of ever-changing law and market realities.

“I read trade press and other publications every day and tell my clients about new proceedings and developments — and their implications — so they can act appropriately and stay ahead of the curve,” says Jim. “And keeping current helps me respond promptly to client questions.”

Jim has worked at the forefront of evolving telecommunications law, effectively advising local governments on cable TV franchise renewal, transfer, enforcement and rate regulation; and on municipal ownership and operation of infrastructure, including fiber optic systems, broadband over powerline systems and public, educational and governmental (PEG) access. That work often involves dealing with crucial First Amendment issues and complex state and federal laws and regulations.

“I enjoy advocating for the public interest and making a positive difference for my clients and the principles they fight for — employing both litigation and negotiation to achieve good results,” says Jim. “I like my clients and the interests they represent.”

In addition to representing local governments, Jim served on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Community Media as Special Appointee — Legal Affairs, and provides advice to organizations that manage access centers and to others interested in promoting the use of PEG Access. Jim also frequently speaks and publishes articles on telecommunications issues. He has been recognized as an AV Preeminent-Top Rated Lawyer® for Litigation and Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources by ALM Media.

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Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

MEMBERSHIPS

Alliance for Community Media (formerly National Federation of Local Cable Programmers) – Past Member, Board of Directors

Energy Bar Association — Past Member, Board of Directors; Past Chair, Ethics Committee; Past Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Procedural and Accounting Implications of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; Past Chairman, Committee on Regulations — Parts II and III, Federal Power Act; Past Chairman, Committee on Liaison with Administrative Law Judges; Past Co-Chairman, Committee on Practice and Procedure Federal Communications Bar Association — Past Co-Chair, State and Local Practice Committee

National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

International Municipal Lawyers Association

American Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar

Representative Matters

Much of Jim's work in the last several years has been negotiating long-term power-supply contracts for two relatively large municipal electric systems and an association of seven municipal systems, assuring them of a reliable and predictable power supply at reasonable and competitive rates.

Practice Focus

Municipal telecommunications issues and PEG access, electric supply contracts and related issues.

Resources

- *Campaign and Election Coverage*, by James N. Horwood – Alliance for Community Media West Region Conference (March 2016).
- *Getting Awesome (and Legal) Shots: Drone Law Primer*, by James N. Horwood – National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors Annual Conference (September 2015).
- *Closed Captioning Requirements for PEG Channels*, by James N. Horwood – JAG Newsletter (June 2015).
- *Campaign and Election Coverage: Policies You Need to Know—Legal Issues.*, by James N. Horwood – Alliance for Community Media (September 2014).

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