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Top Skills

Government

Policy

Telecommunications

Narda J.

Chief of Staff at FCC with expertise in legislation and policy
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Summary

As the Chief of Staff at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), I oversee the agency's strategic and operational initiatives, ensuring alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the FCC. With over 20 years of experience in the government sector, I have a proven track record of working in leadership roles in the executive branch, federal agencies, and on the hill, advancing public interest and innovation in the fields of science and technology.

I have extensive expertise in legislative and regulatory policy, with a focus on telecommunications law, media law, consumer privacy, data security, and cybersecurity. I have contributed to the development and implementation of various policies and programs that promote broadband access, spectrum management, digital inclusion, and international cooperation. I have also built and maintained strong relationships with key stakeholders, including Congress, industry, academia, civil society, and foreign governments. I am passionate about leveraging my skills and knowledge to serve the public and foster a more connected and secure world.

Experience

Federal Communications Commission

Chief Of Staff

April 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Director of Legislative Affairs

January 2021 - April 2022 (1 year 4 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

United States Senate

6 years 8 months

Senior Technology Policy Advisor for Democratic Staff of the Senate
Commerce Committee

May 2019 - February 2021 (1 year 10 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Senior Counsel, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

May 2017 - May 2019 (2 years 1 month)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Legislative Counsel, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

July 2014 - April 2017 (2 years 10 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Served as principal policy advisor to the Senator on a wide portfolio of issues including: internet policy, telecommunications, media ownership, intellectual property, cybersecurity, privacy, and consumer protection issues.
- Worked with Congressional offices, regulatory agencies, administration officials, and other external stakeholders to develop and promote the Senator's priorities and to successfully advance legislative initiatives.
- Drafted bills, amendments, speeches, and briefing memos. Staffed the Senator during floor action, committee activities and meetings.

Federal Communications Commission

13 years 7 months

Chief, Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division

January 2010 - July 2014 (4 years 7 months)

- Oversaw FCC analysis of domestic and international telecommunications trends. Advised senior US government officials and other US stakeholders on strategies that promote US interests. Led FCC efforts to enhance consensus on US policy positions by building diverse, cross industry coalitions.
- Directed FCC engagement in international and regional multilateral ICT organizations, in regulator-to regulator dialog and in cross-border negotiations with Mexico and Canada by leading a team of economists, analysts, attorneys and engineers to advance strategic objectives through advocacy, negotiation and outreach to international counterparts.
- Represented the FCC in international development outreach initiatives, serving as the lead technical regulatory expert and providing expertise on

broadband planning, public-private partnerships, metrics and legal reform initiatives.

- Conducted regular briefings for the FCC Chair and Commissioners to prepare them for meetings and consultations with foreign officials representing regulatory counterparts and multinational corporations.

Associate Bureau Chief

January 2009 - December 2009 (1 year)

- Led the design, development and implementation of the annual International Broadband Data Report and provided expertise on international broadband metrics to the FCC team that drafted the National Broadband Plan.

- Represented the FCC at international multi-stakeholder meetings including, the Internet Governance Forum, International Telecommunication Union and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

- Proposed and developed policy recommendations on satellite regulation, border interference issues and foreign ownership and monitored implementation.

Legal Counsel, Deputy Division Chief and Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

January 2001 - December 2008 (8 years)

- Developed and implemented policy initiatives on all facets of the FCC's universal service program including, universal service contributions methodology, the High Cost Fund, Rural Healthcare, E-rate, GAO audit compliance and compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act.

- Advised senior FCC officials, FCC Chair and Commissioners on strategic implications of proposals made by universal service program stakeholders such as carriers, consumers, state commissions and legislative staff.

- Reviewed and edited all rulemaking and adjudicative orders generated in the Division to ensure internal consistency and compliance with the Commission directives.

Office of the Minnesota Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General

1998 - 2000 (2 years)

- Provided advice to Commissioners and technical staff of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) regarding telecommunications and energy issues.
- Represented the MPUC in court proceedings and completed all supporting work including: reviewing hearing record, conducting legal research and drafting and filing briefs and pleadings.
- Reviewed and updated MPUC practice regarding trade secret and complaint procedure, evaluated and recommended action on consumer complaints.

City of Minneapolis, Office of the City Attorney
Assistant City Attorney
1996 - 1998 (2 years)

- Prosecuted domestic abuse cases from arraignment through trial and appeal stage.
- Prepared witnesses for trial, conducted direct and cross-examinations, wrote pleadings and composed appellate briefs.

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.
AmeriCorps Staff Attorney, Project H.O.P.E.
1994 - 1996 (2 years)
St. Paul, MN

- As a member of the inaugural class of AmeriCorps grantees, worked with non-profit organizations and government agencies to secure housing, financial resources and social services for homeless families. Represented clients in housing court and at public assistance hearings.

Education

Brooklyn Law School
Doctor of Law - JD

Federal Executive Institute
Certificate

Wesleyan University
Bachelor of Arts - BA

