

Chris Nierman

Professional Biography

Chris Nierman is currently Senior Counsel, Federal Regulatory Affairs, for General Communication, Inc. (GCI), where he manages a variety of legal and regulatory issues across GCI's varied business lines. He informs a wide range of company policies and actions regarding, among other things, spectrum usage, universal service reform, network management, regulatory compliance, commercial transactions, and business disputes. Chris joined GCI in 2010 as its Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs.

Between 2005 and 2009, Chris was an attorney with the law firm of Wiltshire & Grannis (formerly Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis), where he focused on communications law and appellate litigation. At Wiltshire & Grannis, Chris represented and advised a variety of clients, from start-up enterprises to some of the nation's largest technology companies. He represented clients before the Federal Communications Commission in proceedings involving, among myriad other issues, universal service reform, the spectrum allocations and auctions, Internet network management practices, and VoIP regulation. Chris also advised clients on trademark and other intellectual property issues, and participated in a digital music rate-setting proceeding before the Copyright Royalty Board.

Between 2001 and 2005, Chris was an attorney at Goodwin Procter (formerly Shea & Gardner). Mr. Nierman litigated commercial disputes and complex tort actions in state and federal courts throughout the country.

From 2000 to 2001, Chris was a former law clerk to the Honorable Dianna Gribbon Motz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Chris earned his J.D. in 2000 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he won the William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition and served on the *Virginia Law Review*.