

# EdScoop Features Denise Smith on Lessons Learned from the NYC E-rate Consent Decree

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Denise Smith was featured in the *EdScoop* article "Schools seeking E-rate money can learn from NYC corruption – experts." The article focuses on Ms. Smith's presentation on "Lessons Learned from the NYC E-rate Consent Decree" during the 2016 Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition conference. She provided an overview of the Compliance Plan measures adopted by the NYC DOE and what those mean for future enforcement cases, a discussion of key FCC rules (competitive bidding procedures, gift limitations, etc.) under the E-rate program, and suggestions on what service providers and applicants can do to protect themselves before, during and after USAC investigations. During the presentation, Ms. Smith noted that "...the significance is the fact that there will be increased scrutiny of schools and libraries. I think [the FCC] will be paying closer attention to other schools and libraries. It gives insight into what types of enforcement remedies a school can expect to see."

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