

## In Case You Missed Last Week's TeleStrategies' Communications Taxation Conference

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PowerPoints for Kelley Drye Partner Steve Augustino's presentations, "Communications M&A: Lessons & Strategies" and "The New FCC Enforcement Bureau" and are now available.

TeleStrategies' annual Communications Taxation Conference brings together the nation's top tax professionals to address the challenging and amazingly complex domain of telecommunications taxation and compliance. This year's conference took place on May 13-15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida. Over 300 tax professionals from all sectors of the industry; including wireline, mobile, IP as well as the emerging content, entertainment and cloud providers convened to discuss all aspects of telecom taxes, regulations and fees.

The "Communications M&A: Lessons & Strategies" session focused on tax and regulatory matters that arise when communications companies consider or execute transactions. Through a series of case studies, the session examined topics such as:

- What to do if the seller has a large unpaid balance to one of the regulatory funds
- How to handle a failure to register and pay taxes or fees in the past
- How "over the top" models popular in Silicon Valley fare when confronted with regulatory analysis

"The New FCC Enforcement Bureau" examined hot topics in FCC enforcement, the rise of "civil forfeitures" and developments in compliance plans and remedies. Under the current FCC Chairman, consumer-oriented enforcement has taken on a new focus and scope. With the arrival of a new Enforcement Bureau Chief, Travis LeBlanc, from the ranks of the state Attorneys General offices, many practices and assumptions are changing.

For questions regarding Mr. Augustino's speaking engagements, please contact commlawmonitor@kelleydrye.com.