Christopher B. Fisher

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Practice Groups
Digital Infrastructure
Energy + Environmental
Land Use, Zoning + Development
Litigation

Chris is a Partner at the firm and concentrates his practice on digital infrastructure, telecommunications, land use, zoning, energy permitting and litigation. He is Chairman of the firm's Digital Infrastructure Group and a past Chairman of the firm's Land Use, Zoning & Development Group, two of the largest infrastructure practices in New York and Connecticut. Chris also served as a member of the firm's Management Committee for the period 2003-2013 and as the firm's Managing Partner for the period 2017-2022.

Chris has been lead counsel in several precedent setting cases involving nuanced areas of zoning and claims under the Federal Communications, Fair Housing and Civil Rights Acts. Chris represents wireless carriers, tower small cell and fiber companies, residential and commercial developers, retailers, community solar and public utilities typically in the states of New York and Connecticut.

Clients consult with Chris on varied aspects of infrastructure and real estate development and frequently seek his advice regarding the Telecommunications Act, New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act, Connecticut's Public Utility and Environmental Standards and numerous other federal, state and local laws regulating development. He routinely appears before state and municipal land use, zoning and environmental permitting agencies such as local planning boards, zoning commissions and the State of Connecticut Siting Council. Chris has extensive experience in the siting of wireless facilities and telecommunications infrastructure at the local, state and national level.

Chris serves in several leadership roles for national and state trade associations. He is a founding board member of the New York State Wireless Association (NYSWA) and served as its President from 2012-2018. He currently serves as NYSWA's State and Local Government Affairs Advisor. He was appointed to WIA's Innovation and Technology Council and chaired a

working group focusing on municipal government relations and small cell policy. Chris also serves as Vice-Chair of the Westchester County Association Board and leads its Digital Connectivity Initiative including a National Science Foundation/US Ignite Grant to address the digital divide in Yonkers, New York. Chris is recognized by City & State as one of New York's Power 50 in Telecommunications.

Education

- Pace University School of Law, J.D., Certificate in Environmental Law, cum laude; 1994
- State University of New York at Buffalo, B.A. in Geography; 1990

Admissions/Courts

- New York
- Connecticut
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Awards + Recognitions

- Westfair Communications C-Suite Award; 2021
- City and State Telecommunications Power 50 list; 2021
- Distinguished Service Award, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; 2019
- Leadership Award, Westchester County Association (WCA); 2018
- New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers® in Communications Law; 2013-2026
- The Best Lawyers in America®; 2019-2023

Professional Associations

- New York State Wireless Association, Founder; Past President, 2012-2018; State and Local Government Affairs Advisor, 2018-present
- The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA), Member
- WIA Innovation and Technology Council
- Westchester County Association, Vice-Chair & Digital Connectivity Initiative Leader

Community Service

- Pace University School of Law, Board of Visitors
- Y-Zone Digital Equity in Yonkers, Founder and Grant Writer
- Past Town of Ridgefield Economic Development Commission Member