

Networking

Practices and Industries

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Voice and data were once separate, static worlds. The Internet has become as pervasive as telecom networks, VOIP and its related technologies enable voice and data networks to interoperate, and voice and data are in a state of convergence. Meanwhile wireless mobile devices have penetrated global consumer markets, and apps and content have escalated the demand for data throughout these networks. Cloud computing promises to put even more demands on networks. Today these market forces drive a dynamic, innovative, and competitive networking industry.

Networking represents one the largest industry concentrations in the markets we serve, accounting for a significant share of the local economic output and export activity. The networking industry includes many segments, such as:

- Hardware, including routers, switches, gateways, servers and storage
- Software, including operating system and network management software, network security and numerous applications
- Carrier technologies, including radio, optical microwave, satellite and wired technologies

Haynes and Boone understands what drives this important and dynamic industry. We represent many of its major players, as well as some of its most exciting up-and-comers. Many of our attorneys hold degrees in computer science, electrical engineering and other relevant scientific and engineering fields, and our attorneys have worked in-house and have represented leading software companies for many years.

All of our networking clients get the benefit of our broad experience though our understanding of market terms, important legal developments, legal risk, and trends in strategy, documentation and litigation. Our industry experience translates into more effective legal representation for you and your company. We enable you to achieve your goals quickly and efficiently, and at a competitive advantage.

Our legal work for industry-leading networking companies includes:

- Funding transactions, public and private
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Strategic alliances
- VAR and OEM arrangements
- Technology licensing
- Purchase, supply and sales contracts
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Copyrights
- Noncompetition
- Option plans and benefits
- IP litigation