

# **SHANNON R. DUNHAM**



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Shannon Dunham represents companies in business and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, and the negotiation of enterprise-level agreements, including technology, software and content licensing and development.

Backed by over 20 years of broadband and telecommunications industry experience, including nine years as in-house counsel at a publicly traded Fortune 100 operator, Shannon has provided legal support for all aspects of technical operations. She leverages that experience to serve her many broadband, telecommunications and media clients today. In each instance, Shannon listens carefully, and asks the right questions to gain a clear understanding of their business needs and goals. By integrating into the client's operations, she is able to respond swiftly, identify opportunities and address operational issues effectively. Always striving for efficiency and risk minimization, she takes a proactive approach, anticipating concerns and proposing solutions before problems arise.

She has functioned as outside corporate counsel, advising broadband companies on their general operations and a host of business matters. She has developed compliance programs, privacy policies, conducted internal audits and has led, managed and coordinated interdisciplinary teams on numerous special projects.

Her experience further extends to advising clients across various industries on procurement and consumer protection issues including advertising and promotions, and issues regarding sweepstakes and contests.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Shannon was a member in the Denver office of a national law firm. She also has extensive broadband and telecommunications industry experience; she spent nine years in-house, including serving as Vice President-Legal, at a publicly traded Fortune 100 broadband operator.

## **EDUCATION**

- Washington University in St. Louis (LL.M., 1999)
  - o Taxation
- Washburn University (J.D., 1998)
- Southern Illinois University (B.A., 1995)
  - o Mass Communications and Business Marketing

#### **SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES**

Corporate

Government Relations and Public Policy

Mergers and Acquisitions

**Outside Corporate Counsel** 

Data Innovation, Security and Privacy

**Technology Transactions** 

Consumer Products and Services

Sports, Media and Entertainment

#### **ADMISSIONS**

Missouri

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Meridian Society
- Betsy Magness Leadership Institute, Class XV (Fellow)
- Women in Cable Telecommunications Midwest Chapter

### CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Court Appointed Special Advocates, Jersey County, Illinois, Chapter
- · Erce, LLC

# **EXPERIENCE**

# \$110 Million Acquisition for Telecom Company

Represented a large telecommunications company in the acquisition of a network design and engineering business for \$110 million.

### **Created Governance Documents for National Institute of Corrections**

Drafted governance documents and intergovernmental agreements relating to criminal justice information sharing among local justice and community health stakeholders adopted by the National Institute of Corrections in its revision of the *Guidelines for Developing a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee*.

## \$63 Million Asset Purchase of Golf Company

Represented the buyer in the acquisition of assets of a manufacturer of golf improvement technology.

### **Transactional Agreements for Telecommunications Company**

Negotiated billions of dollars in transactional agreements for a Fortune 100 telecommunications, broadband and media company, including multiple system acquisitions and divestitures to enhance geographical efficiencies. The disposition of rural systems ultimately positioned the company to complete a merger with another major player in the industry.

### **Negotiated Retransmission Consent Cycles for Broadband Company**

Negotiated three retransmission consent cycles for a broadband telecommunications company. Managed the increasing costs of sports and entertainment programming while setting a foundation to enable the company to expand operations into new markets.

### **On-Demand Content Distribution Platform for Yoga Company**

Launched an on-demand content distribution platform for a national yoga studio chain. The client had a short window in which to complete the production, licensing, and distribution agreements. Worked closely with the client to launch the services efficiently, and to expand the on-demand presence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Information Sharing Agreement for Criminal Justice Council**

Coordinated with a multi-agency Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to draft an information-sharing agreement. Regulatory limitations on sharing certain types of protected data were balanced with the agencies' need to facilitate a free flow of

information in the interest of public health and safety.

# Wind-Down of Fantasy Sports Subsidiary

Completed the wind-down of a client's fantasy sports subsidiary. Transitioned customer accounts off service. Negotiated and managed the early termination of multiple operating agreements to minimize cost and disruption to the client's ongoing operations.