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Laura B. Sherman has significant experience in international telecommunications and trade issues, as well as corporate transactions. Until September 1998, Ms. Sherman was senior legal advisor for International Trade Policy in the International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, working on competitive issues relating to the international satellite and wireline telecommunications markets.

Prior to joining the FCC, Ms. Sherman was associate general counsel in the Office of the United States Trade Representative for five years, concentrating in telecommunications, government procurement and investment trade issues. Ms. Sherman was the legal advisor to the U.S. delegation to the negotiations resulting in the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Basic Telecommunications Services. She has extensive experience with respect to the WTO's General Agreement on Trade in Services, the Agreement on Government Procurement, the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures and other WTO agreements. Ms. Sherman also has practiced corporate law and has significant experience with investments in a wide variety of communications and Internet companies.

Ms. Sherman has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. from Cornell University. She is the author of a number of articles on international telecommunications and is a frequent speaker at industry conferences. Ms. Sherman is chair of the Trade Subcommittee of the DC Bar's Computer and Telecommunications Section, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Telecom Reports International.