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Matthew C. Ames is a partner with the law firm of Miller & Van Eaton. Mr. Ames specializes in telecommunications law, representing local governments and private property owners, including airport authorities, in regulatory matters, litigation, and contract negotiations involving access to rights-of-way and private buildings. Mr. Ames is an expert in new communications technologies affecting local governments, and in the drafting and negotiating of franchise agreements and communications regulatory ordinances. Mr. Ames has also represented a variety of public and private sector clients in FCC rulemakings. He represented a national coalition of national educational groups in the rulemaking that led to the development of the universal service discount program for schools and libraries, or “e-rate,” and successfully defended the rules on appeal. Mr. Ames represents a coalition of real estate trade associations in the FCC’s competitive networks docket and related proceedings dealing with inside wiring and access to private property by telecommunications and cable providers. He has also advised clients regarding the regulatory aspects of the deployment of intelligent transportation systems. Before joining the firm, Mr. Ames was Acting General Counsel of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. He also has a broad background in corporate, commercial, and contract law, and has participated in the drafting and negotiation of cable television system purchase agreements, software licenses, television production contracts, and a wide variety of other transactions. He is admitted to practice in Virginia and the District of Columbia. Before attending law school, Mr. Ames served in the United States Army. He received his law degree, *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1987, and his B.S. in 1980 from the College of William and Mary.

