

Edward Mario Carlson

EXPERIENCE

Federal Communications Commission, Office of International Affairs, Aug. 2023 – Present OIA is the subject matter expert on all international telecommunication issues Senior Legal Advisor Front Office

- Top Secret / Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) Security Clearance holder conducting national security work related to:
 - Coordinating with clandestine and national security agencies on information collection;
 - Legal requests (e.g., submarine landing cables) from foreign countries and operators,
 - Equipment and service authorizations from foreign companies, and
 - Agreements (e.g., MoUs) between countries on information sharing and technical assistance.
- Receive weekly in-person CIA briefing with other TS/SCI holders at FCC on threat assessments • Work principally on submarine cables, satellite connectivity, and deployment of connectivity programs • Awards
 - Benjamin Joy Award Team Winner – Part of five-person team that received State’s and Commerce’s highest award for commercial diplomacy for work in Bermuda

Hispanic National Bar Association Sept. 2022 – Sept 2024 External Affairs VP External Affairs Board Member HNBA is the largest and oldest national Hispanic bar association in the country. The Executive Board is the managing board of the organization and generally has 12 people on it.

- Managed the external affairs of the organization, including work with the White House, Congress, and the Department of Justice.
- Organized a revamped advocacy day for HNBA that focused on targeting executive branch Agencies.
- Instituted new policies regarding how HNBA reviewed whether to support sign-on letters and other advocacy.

US Department of Commerce, General Counsel, May 2021 – Aug. 2023 Commercial Legal Development Program, Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership Senior Attorney The Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership (DCCP) is a government-wide approach to create an enabling environment for countries around the world to adopt open, interoperable and secure telecommunications and Internet connections.

- Provide bilingual commercial and legal technical assistance in 14 countries in the Western Hemisphere relating to technology and telecommunications (e.g., wireless security, national security and public safety).
- Principally worked on the following issues:
 - Public safety telecommunications (e.g., starting conversations about GETS) in Paraguay;
 - 5G Open RAN development in Argentina and Ecuador;
 - Deployment of mid-band spectrum (e.g., auctions) in Colombia;
- Awards
 - Benjamin Joy Award (Team) Winner – One of 27 nominations from State and Commerce to highlight interagency collaboration and highlight excellence in commercial diplomacy
 - Hispanic National Bar Association Nationwide 40 Under 40 Award Winner - 2021
 - General Counsel’s Office, CLDP, Bronze Medal Winner - 2022

US Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Policy Advisor Office of Policy, Analysis and Development The policy office of NTIA is a 10-person team that helps form the role of statutory policy advisor (47 U.S. Code § 901 et seq.) to the President of the United States on telecommunications issues • National Security / Cybersecurity / Public Safety

- Assisting in coordinating and filing comment for DHS on priority services rules for national security and emergency preparedness personnel (PS [20-187](#)).
- Work extensively on implementation of President's Executive Order 13783 regarding protecting against national security threats to the communications supply chain through FCC programs (WC [18-89](#)).
- Broadband Deployment & Adoption
 - Worked with team to file comments to expand broadband to Lifeline phones (WC [11-42](#)).
 - Co-author on paper for TPRC Conference 2021 ([Is a Digital Nation a Voting Nation? Using Survey Data to Examine the Relationship between Internet Use and Voting in the United States](#)).
 - Co-author on paper for TPRC Conference 2016 ([The Digital Divide is Closing, Even as New Fissures Surface](#)).
- Awards and certifications:
 - 2019 Department of Commerce Silver Medal Winner - State Broadband Leaders Network
 - 2018 NTIA, OPAD, Bronze Medal Winner - [DMCA, Section 1201 Letter](#)
 - 2017 NTIA, OPAD, Bronze Medal Winner - [IoT Green Paper](#)
 - Received certificate for completing Federal Spectrum Management Training Course Series

UnidosUS (Formerly NCLR), Civil Rights Project, Washington, DC Mar. 2012 – April 2014 • Received Ford Foundation grant to work on telecommunication issues such as: Policy Analyst ○ Prison phone rates, reducing exorbitant cost for inmates, (WC [12-375](#)).

- Universal Service Fund reform, (WC [11-42](#)).

ADDITIONAL POLICY EXPERIENCE

FMR. Japanese Cabinet Parliamentary Secretary of Economic & Fiscal Policy, Tokyo Aug. 2007 – Aug. 2008 • Coordinated leader's foreign media interviews and new media communications. Press Assistant

The White House, Office of Energy and Climate Change, Washington, DC June – Aug. 2010 • Provided general legal research on energy infrastructure and renewable resources. Legal Clerk

Democratic Leader of the US House of Representative, Nancy Pelosi June – Aug. 2005 • One of 22 [US Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute](#) interns selected. Paid Staff

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA May 2011 • JD, Iowa Law School Russell Goldman Award & Phi Sigma Mu Scholarship winner

• National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association - Law School Division

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO May 2006 BA, Cum Laude, Majors: Political Science and Italian

• *Languages*: Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Fluent) and Japanese (Proficient)

IES Brianda de Mendoza (Year-Long Exchange Student with AFS), Guadalajara, Spain Sept. 2000 - June 2001