



Rhonda Johnson

Head of Federal Regulatory Relations, External & Legislative Affairs – AT&T Services, Inc.

Rhonda is responsible for managing AT&T's engagement on regulatory matters in Washington, D.C. In this role, Rhonda leads the team representing the company before all federal departments and agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and Department of Commerce.

Prior to this role, Rhonda served as President of AT&T California, overseeing state and local government affairs and social engagement initiatives in California. Rhonda has been with AT&T and its predecessor companies for more than three decades. She started her career in 1984 with AT&T in Chicago, Illinois. She became Vice President of Regulatory for SBC Illinois before joining SBC California in November 2004.

Throughout her time with the company, Rhonda has held various management positions in finance, regulatory and policy and has also played major roles on issues related to the Telecommunications Act and state regulations for wholesale and retail policy.

Rhonda holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Illinois. She and her husband enjoy tennis and hiking in their free time.



Chris Sambar

Head of Network, Executive Vice President, Technology Operations – AT&T

Chris is responsible for AT&T's next generation wireless & wireline network planning, investment, AT&T's long-term technical initiatives, infrastructure & cloud, tower strategy & roaming, engineering, construction & operations for consumer, business and government customers.

Chris joined AT&T as part of the Leadership Development Program in 2002. Since then, Chris has held positions in Network Operations, Business Solutions, Consumer Television, Retail & Wireless, Human Resources, Corporate Strategy and most recently, AT&T FirstNet.

Chris holds an MBA from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree from The United States Naval Academy. Following graduation from the Naval Academy, he served 7 years on active duty and 16 years in the reserves with multiple deployments throughout Europe, the Middle East and one tour of duty during the Iraq war in 2005 and 2006. He is married with 4 children and enjoys spending as much of his free time as possible with his family.



Jonathan Spalter
President and CEO – USTelecom

Jonathan Spalter is president and CEO of USTelecom – The Broadband Association, the national trade association representing technology providers, innovators, suppliers, and manufacturers committed to connecting the world through the power of broadband.

Jonathan joined USTelecom in January 2017, bringing a blend of public policy, entrepreneurial and executive experience. Prior to joining USTelecom, he served as chair of Mobile Future, the national wireless technology association. He has a long track record leading innovative technology companies in the U.S. and Europe and has also held key leadership positions in the executive branch of government.

Jonathan was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Associate Director of the United States Information Agency and also managed the agency's global technology resources as Chief Information Officer. He also was a policy aide to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy at the Pentagon.

In the private sector, Jonathan's executive roles included serving as CEO of Snocap, the digital content services company founded by the creators of Napster. He also was CEO of Atmedica Worldwide, the online healthcare affiliate of the Fortune 100 telecommunications and media company Vivendi Universal, where he also served as Executive Vice President for Business Development and Strategy at its internet subsidiary VivendiNet; and as the group's Senior Vice President for global public policy.

Spalter is a graduate of Harvard College and Cambridge University and has served as an advisor to and board member of cutting-edge technology companies, financial institutions, and not-for-profit organizations in Silicon Valley and beyond.



Kelcee Griffis
Connectivity Reporter – Tech Brew

Kelcee is a connectivity for Tech Brew. Her past work includes years of reporting on telecom policy for Law360 and covering intellectual property and the judiciary for Bloomberg Law.

Karen Marsh
Director, Analysis and Capacity Division – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Karen has a 30 year career in emergency management with leadership positions in FEMA disaster response, mitigation, and resilience. Ms. Marsh designed and led two Presidential initiatives to increase grassroots community resilience and currently oversees research-based tools and technical assistance to improve state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management practices, including GIS analysis, actionable climate forecast data, and alert and warning capabilities.



Kevin Thompson

Chief Operations Officer - Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative (GeSI)

Kevin oversees GeSI's internal organization and operations. He has a 25-year executive career of diverse experiences ranging from managing a farm in a remote West African village to programs with multinational corporations in industries from big tech to impact media. For 15 years, Kevin worked at IBM on multiple programs and policies related to sustainability, climate, community engagement, supply chain social responsibility and socially responsible investing. He has published on topics ranging from cloud computing to next generation leadership.

GeSI is a leading, cross-industry sustainability initiative creating and enabling digital solutions to address society's most pressing challenges and the only global membership organization dedicated to enabling the ICT industry to meet opportunities generated by applying digital solutions to the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges.



Saad Chaudhry

Chief Digital and Information Officer - Luminis Health

Saad has more than two decades of progressive healthcare-focused technology experience. He has served in leadership roles in the U.S. and abroad with some notable organizations such as Johns Hopkins, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Gartner.

He currently serves as the Chief Digital and Information Officer at Luminis Health where he oversees IT and Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations. Saad is a certified healthcare CIO (CHCIO) and a certified digital health executive (CDH-E) through the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).

He was also recognized in 2019 as a "Top Future-50 Leader" by Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) for his transformational digital healthcare leadership in the Middle East. He holds a Master of Public Policy and Management with a healthcare focus from Carnegie Mellon University and a Master of Science in Communications and Information Systems from Robert Morris University. Saad also serves as an adjunct faculty member at the School of Health at Georgetown University, holds multiple board roles and is a frequent contributor to publications including Forbes.com.