

VoIP Services Regulation 2008: Tracking the Evolving Regulatory Framework

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This two-part series authored by Cherie R. Kiser, a partner with Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP examines the rulings of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), state agencies, and the courts with regard to voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) services, also commonly referred to as Internet telephony, IP telephony, or IP-enabled services. Part I provides an overview of historical and recent FCC, state, and judicial actions relevant to assessing the appropriate regulatory classification and treatment of VoIP services. Part II reviews the FCC's reliance on its Title I ancillary jurisdiction under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and other sources of authority to impose a number of telecommunications regulations on interconnected VoIP service providers and broadband service providers. Part II also reviews important issues for VoIP service providers relating to interconnection with telecommunications carriers to provide access to the public switched telephone network.