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SERVICES

Climate Change
Cybersecurity & Emerging
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EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law
College of William and Mary
George Washington University
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BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida State Bar
District of Columbia Bar
U.S. District Court for the District
of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Eleventh Circuit

R. SCOTT NUZUM
OF COUNSEL



Professional Background

Scott Nuzum provides strategic legal, regulatory, and policy counsel to companies, governments, and individuals thinking about the future. Utilizing a cross-disciplinary approach, Scott helps clients identify, plan for, and navigate various forms of technological, environmental, and geopolitical disruption.

On the technology side, Scott works with clients to help them assess the implications arising from the application of emerging technologies—including artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, and unmanned aerial systems—into the energy, natural resources, and transportation sectors. In this role, Scott has advised commercial real estate developers on cybersecurity and privacy law issues arising from the use of internet-enabled (IoT) devices, commercial fisheries managers on the legal pathway to incorporating electronic monitoring systems for better management outcomes, and gas pipeline companies on the national security risks inherent in the utilization of commercial-off-the-shelf drones.

Scott also helps clients craft strategies to enhance their resiliency in the face of environmental change. Drawing from experience coordinating large-scale ecosystem restoration efforts while at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Scott is able to provide clients with invaluable insights into federal permitting and approval processes for major mitigation and adaption projects.

In addition, Scott is a frequent writer and commenter on issues of geopolitical disruption. He has presented on the topic of governance in periods of rapid change, arguing that domestic legal reform may be needed to better facilitate innovation and protect national security interests. Scott also has written and spoken on the issue of export controls for emerging technologies, arguing that technology transfers can serve as effective instruments of US geopolitical influence in the face of increasing global competition.

Scott serves on the Board of VNF Solutions.

Representative Experience

Technological disruption:

- Advised commercial real estate companies on legal risks of connected devices
- Counseled pipeline clients on potential national security concerns from use of commercial off the shelf drones
- Advised technology startup on privacy and data security issues, including compliance with European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Represented oil and gas developer in successful regulatory petition for approval of alternative procedures to comply with offshore safety requirements

Environmental disruption:

- Assisted state in developing first-of-its-kind memorandum of understanding with U.S. to accelerate permitting of large-scale sediment diversion to improve coastal resiliency
- Advised municipal water agency on matters related to environmental review and permitting of critical water conveyance redesign

Geopolitical disruption:

- Advised petrochemical manufacturer on tariff issue as part of major US trade negotiation

Articles and Presentations

- Electronic Reporting and Monitoring in Fisheries: Data Privacy, Security and Management Challenges and Twenty-First Century Solutions , 07/10/2019
- 7th Annual Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science Conference, Arizona State Center for Law, Science & Innovation, Phoenix AZ, 05/24/2019
- DecomWorld 2019, Houston TX, 03/26/2019
- ICSC Beyond Sustainability Summit, Miami Florida, 02/06/2019
- An Assessment of the Challenges Facing Environmental Regulators in the Era of Artificial Intelligence, ABA's Air Quality Committee Newsletter, Vol. 21 Issue 2 pp. 6-10, 06/01/2018
- 6th Annual Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science Conference, Arizona State University, Phoenix AZ, 05/17/2018

Alerts

- DOT Aims to Create Flexible Regulatory Framework for Automated Vehicle Technology, 10/11/2018
- Update of National Artificial Intelligence Strategic Plan: What Clients Need to Know, 10/02/2018
- GAO Reports Challenges and Successes in Cybersecurity Framework Adoption, 03/05/2018
- Federal Government Takes Steps to Shape Rules for Automated Vehicles, 09/18/2017