Law360 Names Pantelis Michalopoulos an MVP in Telecom

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Overview

(October 21, 2020, Washington, DC) — Law360 has named Pantelis Michalopoulos an MVP in Telecommunications. Michalopoulos was one of only three lawyers nationwide selected in this category. Law360’s MVPs are lawyers who have distinguished themselves from their peers over the past year through high-stakes litigation, record-breaking deals and complex global matters. A team of Law360 editors selected the 2020 MVP winners after reviewing more than 900 submissions.

In a profile published October 20, the editors write that over the past year, Michalopoulos “helped Dish Network lock down a massive pact to be the next major wireless carrier as part of the blockbuster Sprint/T-Mobile merger, earning him a spot among Law360’s 2020 Telecommunications MVPs.”

Michalopoulos served as legal counsel for Dish in the multiple legal battles over the $26.5 billion megamerger between T-Mobile and Sprint, as the agreement required approval from the US Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and became the subject of a pair of lawsuits before federal courts in DC and New York. The trio of companies came out on top on all fronts.

“It was really a quadruple win,” Michalopoulos told Law360. “We were able to fashion a remedy that would make Dish into the fourth carrier, but then we had to argue that with that remedy, the deal was in the public interest, and also show that we were not being opportunistic, but we were being consistent and principled.”

The profile also highlights Michalopoulos’s representation of internet and technology companies in their high-profile DC Circuit challenge to the FCC’s controversial rollback of the Obama-era net neutrality rules.

The full profile on Michalopoulos can be read at Law360 (subscription required).

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