

# SCOTT BLAKE HARRIS

## Highlights

- Harris publicly praised net neutrality opponent and Trump appointee Ajit Pai, calling him a “great choice” and praising his leadership team at the FCC. Pai, who broadcast his opposition to net neutrality as early as 2015, immediately revoked the regulations in December 2017.
- Harris cashed in his government experience for his corporate clients, lobbying the FCC and Commerce Department after leaving positions in the agencies on behalf of corporate clients. Harris, who went into corporate law immediately after leaving the government, lobbied on behalf of Big Tech companies Apple and Microsoft, and telecommunications companies including Sprint and AT&T.
  - In 2007, Harris withdrew his lobbying registrations for Microsoft and Cisco in order to join Barack Obama’s fundraising team. Potentially as a reward for Harris’ help on the campaign trail, President Obama nominated Harris to a new executive branch position two months after taking office.
- Harris worked as the general counsel for Neustar, Inc. from 2011-2013. During that time, a *Buzzfeed News* report revealed that Neustar collaborated with law enforcement, including the NSA, to provide data on consumers. In defense of the company, Harris called the report a “batshit crazy” conspiracy theory, while simultaneously acknowledging that Neustar had received 14,000 information requests from law enforcement in 2011 alone.
- Harris was a named partner in the firm Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, which represented several bad actors, including telecommunications companies fighting to charge inmates excessive rates for phone calls, a Blackwater guard who participated in the massacre of Iraqi civilians in 2007, and Big Tech giant Google in a case against the FCC where Harris once worked.

## **HARRIS PUBLICLY PRAISED TRUMP’S FCC CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI DESPITE HIS OPPOSITION TO NET NEUTRALITY AND MISHANDLING OF THE AGENCY**

### **IN 2017 AND 2018, HARRIS PUBLICLY PRAISED TRUMP’S FCC CHAIRMAN ON TWITTER, ARGUING THAT HIS POLICIES IMPROVED TRANSPARENCY AND “OPEN GOVERNMENT”**

**January 2017: Harris Tweeted That Trump’s Choice Of Ajit Pai For FCC Chairman Was A “Great Choice.”** “Yes! Great choice! Trump said to elevate Ajit Pai to FCC chairman” [Twitter, Scott Blake Harris, [1/20/17](#)]

**January 2017: Harris Praised Ajit Pai’s Personnel Choices At The FCC.** “Great choices by @AjitPaiFCC for @FCC Bureaus/Offices: Pai Names FCC Bureau, Office Chiefs | Broadcasting & Cable” [Twitter, Scott Blake Harris, [1/24/17](#)]

**June 2017: Harris Praised Ajit Pai’s Leadership At The FCC, Saying He Was Putting Together An “Experienced And Amazingly Talented Group Of Bureau Chiefs.”** “@AjitPaiFCC is putting together an experienced and amazingly talented group of Bureau Chiefs at the @FCC” [Twitter, Scott Blake Harris, [6/15/17](#)]

**November 2018: Harris Praised Ajit Pai’s Decision To Release Draft FCC Orders As FCC Chairman, Saying His Leadership On The Issue Was “Great For Transparency And Open Government.”** “Every month I am reminded that the decision of @AjitPaiFCC to release draft @FCC orders is great for transparency and open government -- and leads to better policy discussions.” [Twitter, Scott Blake Harris, [11/8/18](#)]

### **PAI WAS A LONG-STANDING OPPONENT OF NET NEUTRALITY, AND HE REVOKED THE POLICY WHILE HARRIS WAS STILL PRAISING HIM AS A “GREAT CHOICE”**

**Pai Was A Long-Standing Opponent Of Net Neutrality, Broadcasting His Intention To Revoke The Law “As Soon As Possible” After The 2016 Election.** “Donald Trump has elevated Ajit Pai to chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, giving control over the agency to a reliable conservative who’s been opposed to pretty much every big action the commission has taken in recent years, from establishing net neutrality to protecting consumer privacy to restricting major cable mergers. Shortly after Trump’s election, Pai indicated that a top priority under the new

administration would be dismantling net neutrality. In a letter, he wrote that he intended to 'revisit ... the Title II Net Neutrality proceeding ... as soon as possible.'" [The Verge, [1/23/17](#)]

**December 2017: The FCC Voted To Dismantle Net Neutrality Rules.** "The Federal Communications Commission voted on Thursday to dismantle rules regulating the businesses that connect consumers to the internet, granting broadband companies the power to potentially reshape Americans' online experiences. The agency scrapped the so-called net neutrality regulations that prohibited broadband providers from blocking websites or charging for higher-quality service or certain content. The federal government will also no longer regulate high-speed internet delivery as if it were a utility, like phone service." [New York Times, [12/14/17](#)]

**Consumer Advocates Argued That Pai Failed To Uphold The FCC's Mandate By Not Working To Bridge The "Digital Divide" And Make Broadband More Inclusive.** "To critics, Pai's four years atop the FCC marked a failure to uphold the agency's mandate. Consumer advocates say Pai not only infamously repealed the agency's net neutrality rules — in the face of widespread public support for regulations barring internet service providers from discriminating in how they treat traffic from content providers — but he also failed to bridge the 'digital divide' that exists in the U.S." [Variety, [12/1/20](#)]

## **HARRIS' SUPPORT FOR PAI DIRECTLY OPPOSES HIS OWN ACTIONS WORKING TO SUPPORT THE FCC'S NET NEUTRALITY RULES IN 2015**

**2015: Harris Represented Akamai Technologies As An Intervenor On Behalf Of The FCC In 2015, Defending Them From A Challenge To Net Neutrality Rules.** "The challengers of the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality rules urged the D.C. Circuit to dismiss a petition that pushes for more Internet regulation, saying Monday that Full Service Network lacks standing in its attack on the FCC's forbearance of additional regulation. [...] US Telecom and others, as intervenors in support of the FCC, said Monday that Full Service lacks standing in its attack on the FCC's forbearance decisions because it failed to demonstrate how it is being injured by the lack of additional regulations. [...] Akamai Technologies Inc. is represented by Christopher J. Wright and Scott Blake Harris of Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP." [Law360, [9/21/15](#)]

## **HARRIS USED THE REVOLVING DOOR INTO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO LEVERAGE HIS CONNECTIONS FOR CORPORATE CLIENTS**

### **IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORKING FOR THE FCC, HARRIS REPRESENTED SEVERAL BIG TECH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONS IN LOBBYING THE AGENCY**

## **HARRIS WORKED FOR THE FCC FROM 1994-1996, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FROM 1993-1994**

**Harris Worked As The Chief Of The International Bureau At The Federal Communications Commission From 1994-1996.** [LinkedIn, Scott Blake Harris, website accessed [5/5/21](#)]

**Harris Worked As The Chief Counsel For Export Administration For The Department Of Commerce From 1993-1994.** [LinkedIn, Scott Blake Harris, website accessed [5/5/21](#)]

## **IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING THE AGENCY, HARRIS REJOINED CORPORATE LAW FIRM, WORKING FIRST AT BIGLAW FIRM GIBSON DUNN BEFORE BECOMING A MANAGING PARTNER AT HARRIS, WILTSHIRE, & GRANNIS**

**Harris Worked As A Partner And Chair Of The Communications Practice Group At The Biglaw Firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher From 1996-1998.** [LinkedIn, Scott Blake Harris, website accessed [5/5/21](#)]

**Harris Worked As A Managing Partner At Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP From 1998-2009.** [LinkedIn, Scott Blake Harris, website accessed [5/5/21](#)]

## **...WHERE HE PROFITED FROM LOBBYING THE AGENCIES HE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT ON BEHALF OF BIG TECH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING MICROSOFT AND APPLE**

In 2006, Harris Lobbied For Microsoft Corp, Cisco Systems, Dell Inc, And Sprint Nextel. [OpenSecrets, website accessed [5/5/21](#)]

In 2005, Harris Lobbied The House Of Representatives, The Senate, And The Federal Communications Commission On Behalf Of Microsoft Corp. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [2/08/06](#)]

In 2003, Harris Lobbied The FCC, Congress, The Department Of Commerce, And The Department Of Defense On Behalf Of Microsoft Corp. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [7/29/03](#)]

- Harris Earned \$40,000 For His Lobbying Work For Microsoft In 2003. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [7/29/03](#)]

In 2002, Harris Earned \$100,000 Lobbying The FCC, The Department Of Commerce, And The Department Of Defense On Behalf Of Microsoft Corp. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [2/11/03](#)]

In 2006, Harris Earned \$60,000 Lobbying For Microsoft Corp. Lobbying Congress On The Telecommunications Act Re-Write And Broadband Issues. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [8/11/06](#)]

In 2005, Harris Registered As A Lobbyist For Sprint Nextel. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [12/9/05](#)]

In 2000, Harris Lobbied For Apple On "FCC Rules Applicable To Unlicensed Spectrum." [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [6/29/00](#)]

In 2002, Harris Lobbied For Apple On "New Technologies." [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [8/16/02](#)]

In 2000, Harris Lobbied For 3Com Corporation On "FCC Rules Applicable To Unlicensed Spectrum." [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [6/29/00](#)]

In 2003, Harris Earned \$20,000 Lobbying The Senate On Behalf Of AT&T Wireless. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [2/13/03](#)]

In 2001, Harris Earned \$20,000 Lobbying For T-Mobile To The FCC, Congress, And The Department Of Commerce. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Scott Blake Harris, [2/4/02](#)]

**HARRIS WITHDREW HIS BIG TECH LOBBYING REGISTRATIONS TO SERVE AS A FUNDRAISER FOR BARACK OBAMA'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, WORK HE LEVERAGED TO GET A NEW POSITION IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**IN 2007, HARRIS WITHDREW HIS LOBBYING REGISTRATIONS FOR CISCO AND BIG TECH COMPANY MICROSOFT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF BARACK OBAMA'S FUNDRAISING TEAM**

**Harris Withdrew His Lobbying Registration For Microsoft And Cisco In June 2007 To Serve As One Of 10 Former Federal Lobbyists On Barack Obama's 2008 Fundraising Team.** "Barack Obama often boasts he is 'the only candidate who isn't taking a dime from Washington lobbyists,' yet his fundraising team includes 38 members of law firms that were paid \$138 million last year to lobby the federal government, records show. Those lawyers, including 10 former federal lobbyists, have pledged to raise at least \$3.5 million for the Illinois senator's presidential race. Employees of their firms have given Obama's campaign \$2.26 million, a USA TODAY analysis of campaign-finance data shows. [...] Obama fundraisers who work for firms that lobby and share the fees include: [...] Scott Blake Harris, managing partner of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, a Washington telecommunications law firm. Harris withdrew as a lobbyist for Microsoft and Cisco in June, but his partners still lobby, he said." [USA Today, 4/16/08]

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## **WITHIN HIS FIRST TWO MONTHS IN OFFICE, PRESIDENT OBAMA NOMINATED HARRIS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AS GENERAL COUNSEL**

**2009: Harris Was Nominated To Be General Counsel At The Department Of Energy By President Obama.** "Scott Blake Harris '76, managing partner of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis in Washington, D.C., has been nominated by President Barack Obama '91 to be general counsel at the U.S. Department of Energy. Harris, one of the District's top communications lawyers, represents clients before the Federal Communications Commission. He was chief counsel for export administration at the Department of Commerce, where he undertook the first complete rewrite of the Export Administration Regulations in 25 years. From 1994 to 1996, he was the first chief of the international bureau at the FCC, where he was responsible for international and satellite communications policy and licensing." [Harvard Law Today, [3/19/09](#)]

## **HARRIS DEFENDED TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY NEUSTAR AFTER A REPORT REVEALED THAT THE COMPANY WORKED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DISCLOSE CONSUMER INFORMATION**

### **FROM 2011-2013, HARRIS WAS THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY NEUSTAR**

**Harris Worked As The General Counsel For Neustar From 2011-2013.** [LinkedIn, Scott Blake Harris, website accessed [5/5/21](#)]

### **IN 2012, BUZZFEED NEWS REPORTED THAT NEUSTAR PROVIDED DATA FOR OVER 400 TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES WHEN THEY RECEIVED LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA REQUESTS**

**Buzzfeed News Reported That Neustar Provided Data For Over 400 Telecommunications Companies When They Wanted To "Outsource Law Enforcement Data Requests."** "A Delaware-based company that didn't exist 20 years ago has quietly become one of the major players in surveillance infrastructure — but they've been so under the radar that leading online privacy and security expert Chris Soghoian, a fellow at the Open Society Foundations, calls them the 'Keyzer Söze of surveillance.' Meet Neustar, one of the most important companies you've never heard of. Over 400 telecommunications companies go to Neustar when they want to outsource law enforcement data requests. While it's not known how many law enforcement requests for cell and VoIP data they get, consider the volume that one of their client's, Cricket, copped to: 116 a day on average, or 42,500 law enforcement requests last year." [Buzzfeed, [7/13/12](#)]

**Electronic Privacy Information Center Lawyer Alan Butler Explained That Neustar's Extensive Government Contracts And Access To Consumer Databases Could Be Problematic For Consumers.** "Information gleaned from Neustar's latest SEC filing, as well as their own website, shows that they have their hands in many different pots, outsourced surveillance being only one of them. All of these different arms of Neustar — especially their government contracts and access to huge consumer databases — worry security experts. 'This is definitely an area that I want do more research. [Their government contracts] seem problematic in context of their law enforcement requests,' said Alan Butler, a lawyer and fellow at the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC). 'When you have repeat players that represent large swaths of the industry, you can imagine that they build a rapport [with law enforcement], especially when it's in their best interest to comply as much as possible to avoid any sort of extra cost or trouble for their client.'" [Buzzfeed, [7/13/12](#)]

**2012: Neustar Announced That They Received 57,000 Law Enforcement Queries In The Past Five Years, With 12,500 In 2011 Alone.** "Neustar has now decided to release their surveillance requests on the company blog. Over the past five years, they have gotten 57,000 law enforcement queries —with 12,500 in 2011 alone. They point out, though, that pales in comparison to 1.5 million from nine major phone carriers." [Buzzfeed, [7/13/12](#)]

### **HARRIS RESPONDED TO THE REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY, CALLING IT A "BATSHIT CRAZY" CONSPIRACY THEORY WHILE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Harris Dismissed BuzzFeed News' Report On Neustar Sharing Information With Law Enforcement And The NSA, Calling It A "Batshit Crazy" Conspiracy Theory.** "Last week BuzzFeed posted an intriguing look at a company called Neustar, which manages the central database of phone numbers in the United States — the report claimed that Neustar

was a little too cozy with law enforcement and potentially delivering personal information to agencies like the NSA without permission. It was interesting — but according to Neustar's Scott Blake Harris, it's also a 'batshit crazy' conspiracy theory." [The Verge, [7/20/12](#)]

**Harris Admitted That Neustar Had 14,000 Information Requests In 2011 From Law Enforcement.** "That's where Neustar's other business comes in. About 400 smaller carriers have contracted Neustar to serve as their agent — basically the place where the legal paperwork goes. Harris characterized those 400 carriers as extremely small, and noted that Neustar only handled 14,000 information requests last year, while the top nine carriers responded to some 1.4 million. Harris also said that he's 'unbelievably careful' about making sure the requests are in the proper form, have the proper warrants, and aren't overly broad. 'We scrutinize the requests,' said Harris. 'I wouldn't say we have a relationship with law enforcement. Our relationship is with our customers.'" [The Verge, [7/20/12](#)]

**Harris Acknowledged Neustar's Role As A Background Player In Helping Carriers Cooperate With Law Enforcement.** "Of course, the problem is that Neustar's customers are the carriers, not consumers — and there's already a level of distrust when it comes to the carriers sharing personal information with the government. But while Harris acknowledged Neustar's role as a background player — the company's slogan is 'the technology behind the technology' — he wasn't worried about BuzzFeed's allegations. 'I don't expect consumers to rely on us, but we have an absolute commitment to privacy,' he said. 'We have an extraordinary reputation for being neutral and trusted — our business model demands it. These implications are sinister, but there's nothing there.'" [The Verge, [7/20/12](#)]

**HARRIS' LAW FIRM, HARRIS, WILTSIRE & GRANNIS, REPRESENTED SEVERAL BAD ACTORS INCLUDING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY EXPLOITING INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND A BLACKWATER GUARD WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE NISOUR SQUARE MASSACRE**

**HARRIS WAS A NAMED PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM, HARRIS, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS**

**Harris Was A Co-Founder And Managing Partner At The Law Firm Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, And He Returned To The Firm In 2014.** "Wiltshire & Grannis announced today that Scott Blake Harris has returned to the firm he helped found in 1998, and that the firm has assumed its original name, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP. Mr. Harris will become Chairman of the firm. Mr. Harris returns to Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis after five years away, during which time he served as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Energy, General Counsel of Neustar, Inc., and most recently as a Managing Partner of Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP. 'I am thrilled to return to HWG,' Harris said. 'It has only improved in my absence and I look forward to working with the extraordinary team here on behalf of the firm's clients. I am also very grateful for having had the opportunity to work with wonderful colleagues over the last five years at the Department of Energy, Neustar, and Wilkinson Barker.'" [Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, Press Release, 5/12/14]

**HARRIS, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS REPRESENTED AN EXPLOITATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO BLOCK FCC REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PREVENT EXCESSIVE RATES FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE**

**HARRIS, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS REPRESENTED TELMATE LLC IN THEIR SUIT AGAINST FCC REGULATIONS THAT WOULD CAP PHONE RATES FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE**

**Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis Represented The Telecommunications Company Telmate LLC In Their Suit Against The FCC's Regulation That Would Cap Rates For Incarcerated People.** "Several inmate phone service companies on Friday rebutted the Federal Communications Commission's bid to have caps on rates the company can charge go into effect before the D.C. Circuit reviews the legality of the regulation, saying the caps would force providers to operate at a loss. [...]GTL and other inmate telephone service providers CenturyLink, Securus and Telmate LLC had asked for a partial stay of the regulation — set to go into effect in March for prisons and June for jails — during their consolidated appeal. [...] Telmate LLC is represented by Brita D. Strandberg, Jared P. Marx and John R. Grimm of Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP." [Law360, [2/19/16](#)]

**The FCC Regulations On Prison Phone Calls Would Cap Calling Rates And Discourage "Kickbacks" To Jails.** "The Federal Communications Commission on Thursday approved tight new caps on the cost of making phone calls from jails and prisons, after years of complaints from advocates and families about opaque and burdensome fees. In a 3-2 vote, the FCC adopted new rules that cap calling rates at 11 cents per minute for prisons and 14 to 22 cents per minute for jails. Previously, with rates of 30 cents per minute or more and other fees, a 15-minute call could cost \$17. The rules also limit additional service charges and require ongoing compliance oversight. The new regulations discourage, but do



not prohibit, site commissions, in which telephone providers pay a portion of their profits to the prison or jail in order to operate there." [The Marshall Project, [10/22/15](#)]

## **TELMATE CREATED MONOPOLIES IN STATE PRISON SYSTEMS THROUGH PHONE CONTRACTS THAT TRADED “EXCLUSIVITY” FOR KICKBACKS TO THE STATE, HARMING INCARCERATED PEOPLE BY TAKING AWAY THEIR CHOICES**

**Telmate Used An Exclusive Contract With State Governments To Create A Monopoly For Inmate Phone Calls While Giving “Kickbacks” To The State Government.** "Under its contract with DOC, Telmate charges inmates 16 cents a minute for phone calls. In return, it pays the state a flat fee of \$3 million, plus a percentage of revenues when proceeds from calls exceed projections. Next year, the contract is expected to yield \$3.6 million for Oregon. Critics of the contracts call the commissions that companies pay states such as Oregon ‘kickbacks.’ ‘These contracts are enormously profitable,’ says Kajstura. ‘It’s essentially a kickback in exchange for a monopoly.’" [Willamette Week, [5/10/17](#)]

**Telmate LLC Sued The FCC Over Their New Regulations Because The Rate Caps Would Prevent Them From Earning Sufficient Profit To Pay Kickbacks To The State.** "Two of the five commissioners voted against the new rules, saying they overreached the FCC’s legal authority. Prior to Thursday’s meeting, three of the top providers of prison phone services—Securus Technologies, Telmate and Global Tel Link—threatened to sue if the FCC tightened rates and fees without reining in site commissions. The rate caps would leave them unable to offset the payments they give to prisons, and their companies ‘would suffer irreparable, immediate harm,’ industry executives wrote in a letter to the FCC." [The Marshall Project, [10/22/15](#)]

**FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn Said The Prison Phone Industry Was “The Most Egregious Case Of Market Failure I Have Seen In My 17 Years As A State And Federal Regulator.”** "At Thursday’s hearing, commissioner Mignon Clyburn lauded the new rules and characterized the prison phone industry as ‘the most egregious case of market failure I have seen in my 17 years as a state and federal regulator.’" [The Marshall Project, [10/22/15](#)]

## **HARRIS, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS REPRESENTED BLACKWATER GUARD NICHOLAS SLATTEN WHO WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN IRAQ**

### **HARRIS, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS REPRESENTED BLACKWATER GUARD NICHOLAS SLATTEN IN HIS RETRIAL OF MURDER CHARGES**

"The retrial of Nicholas Slatten, a former guard for private security firm Blackwater previously convicted of murder over a shooting incident in Iraq, ended in a mistrial Wednesday after the jury said it was deadlocked following weeks of deliberation. [...] Slatten is represented by Amy Mason Saharia, Dane Butswinkas, Tobin Romero, Simon Latcovich and Krystal Commons of Williams & Connolly LLP and Thomas G. Connolly of Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP." [Law360, [9/6/18](#)]

### **SLATTEN PARTICIPATED IN THE NISOOR SQUARE MASSACRE, WHERE DEFENSE CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ KILLED 14 IRAQI CIVILIANS**

**In 2007, Nicholas Slatten Murdered An Iraqi Citizen In Nisour Square, Kicking Off A Massacre Of Iraqi Civilians By Defense Contractors That Killed 10 Women And Two Children.** "Shortly before a federal judge sentenced him on Wednesday to life in prison for his role in the deadly 2007 shooting of dozens of unarmed Iraqis in Baghdad, Nicholas A. Slatten, a former Blackwater security contractor, stood in a tan jumpsuit and defiantly proclaimed that he was an innocent victim of Justice Department prosecutors run amok. ‘This is a miscarriage of justice that will not stand,’ said Mr. Slatten, who in December was convicted by a jury of murdering an Iraqi civilian in Nisour Square, the act prosecutors said kicked off the chaotic hail of machine-gun fire and grenades targeting other civilians by guards in Mr. Slatten’s convoy that left 10 women, two men and two children dead, and 18 other people injured." [New York Times, [8/14/19](#)]

## **HARRIS, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS LLP REPRESENTED GOOGLE IN A CASE AGAINST FCC SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**2018: Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP Represented Google In A Lawsuit Challenging FCC Safety Requirements For Installing New Broadband Infrastructure.** "Google Inc. has hit back against suggestions that its preferred procedures for installing new broadband infrastructure are causing contractors to make dangerous mistakes, telling the Federal Communications Commission that the techniques are faster and safer for utility workers if followed correctly. [...] Google is represented by Kristine Laudadio Devine of Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP." [Law360, [6/6/18](#)]