

Rising Star: Jenner & Block's Camillie Landrón

By Emily Sides

Law360 (July 7, 2021, 2:01 PM EDT) -- Camillie Landrón of Jenner & Block LLP helped advise Charter Communications Inc. through a lengthy process and Federal Communications Commission auction that resulted in the company winning more than \$1 billion last December to expand its broadband network in 24 states, earning her a spot among the telecom law practitioners under age 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

HER MOST CHALLENGING CASE:

Helping Charter Communications apply to the FCC's \$20.4 billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which funds projects that increase broadband access, is the most challenging case that Landrón has worked on, she said. She worked with various departments within the telecom company, such as operations, product design, marketing and compliance. Charter Communications was the biggest winning bidder by number of locations won and the FCC is still reviewing the company's applications, Landrón said.

"It's also been a great opportunity to help the client make a profound social and economic impact by connecting people who are living and working in areas that do not have connectivity today to reliable, high-speed, quality broadband service. And that leads to better education, employment, health care, civic and social engagement opportunities," Landrón said.

Helping Character Communications win that award at auction required compliance with state and federal regulations, Landrón said.

"There are many different requirements in the program and they intertwine in a complex manner, but the first major step is showing the government that you have the technical and financial capabilities to bid, to be allowed to participate in the auction," Landrón said. "Then, after you [win] in the auction, you have to show the government the details, demonstrate that you can execute [your plan] in the way that you've committed to do. Putting together each showing is a significant undertaking."



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 First job after law school: Associate at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

HER PROUDEST MOMENT AS AN ATTORNEY:

Landrón said she is most proud of her pro bono work with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project. The project works with people in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia who have been convicted of crimes to prove their innocence, according to its website.

"It's something I really believe in, so I'm very proud to be a part of the team," Landrón said.

Landrón said she has worked with the project since her first job out of law school. She helps review cases and read briefs, opinions, lab reports and other information "to determine whether further investigation would likely allow [the project] to prove an individual's innocence."

"Most cases are tricky and are a pretty sobering reminder of the challenges and limitations of our justice system, but it is also very rewarding to feel like you are doing — even if it's just a small part — to right the wrongs and help exonerate [people] who have been wrongfully convicted," Landrón said.

OTHER NOTABLE CASES SHE'S WORKED ON:

Landrón was part of the team that counseled T-Mobile US Inc. in its merger with Sprint Corp.

T-Mobile and Sprint first unveiled their merger plans in April 2018. After congressional scrutiny and challenges from consumers and state attorneys general, a D.C. federal judge signed off on the U.S. Department of Justice deal clearing T-Mobile's purchase of Sprint in April 2020. The deal required Sprint to sell its prepaid wireless assets to Dish Network Corp.

"That was obviously a very exciting project," Landrón said. "I worked primarily with T-Mobile's government affairs team to secure the regulatory approvals for the multibillion[-dollar] transaction."

Landrón said working on the merger was rewarding. She also supported the team representing T-Mobile in litigation from state attorneys general, using her expertise in spectrum policy, 5G technologies and wireless competition, according to the firm.

"You don't get to see the results of your work every day — some matters go on for years before there's a concrete result to point to — but this was one project I was able to see through," Landrón said.

As part of the deal, T-Mobile US Inc. promised next-generation wireless 5G technology. T-Mobile and Sprint Corp. asserted that only by combining their resources could they see its full benefits.

"While working on transactions can, in theory, sound very dry, the fact that I was working with government affairs, we were really focused on demonstrating the benefits to the public, made it easy to feel invested in the benefits of the transaction," she said.

ON THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRY:

Landrón is hopeful that the legal industry will become more diverse and inclusive over the next decade.

"I think those two are related," Landrón said. "I'm optimistic that the industry will become a more diverse and inclusive space."

Early in her career, she remembers when a panelist — a BigLaw equity partner who was a mom and a woman of color — was called a unicorn. She hopes eventually that won't be such a rarity.

"I think that people are finally starting to acknowledge that giving opportunities to people with different backgrounds and experiences is both the right thing to do, period, but also the right thing to do to get the best possible results, which is what we're all aiming for," Landrón said.

— *As told to Emily Sides*

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