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Attorney at Law

Don Martin has for several decades maintained a private practice in broadcast and media law in the Washington, D.C. area. His practice is concentrated in matters before the Federal Communications Commission and the federal courts. He also provides legal services with respect to trademarks, copyrights and related intellectual property matters before the United States Patent & Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office.

Martin advises and represents clients throughout the United States with respect to broadcast regulatory, licensing and transactional matters. His clientele includes both commercial and noncommercial radio and television licensees and applicants. Among the activities in which he regularly provides expertise are the buying and selling of broadcast stations, applications for new or modified broadcast facilities, time brokerage agreements, rulemaking proceedings, periodic filings, and general FCC regulatory compliance.

Prior to entering private law practice, Martin served for three years as Regulatory Affairs Counsel at National Public Radio, in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities there included representing the public radio system before the FCC and Congress.

Before becoming an attorney, Martin was employed as a public radio station program director and general manager. He has been a commercial FM station owner, and a partner in an import/export radio program syndication firm.

Martin is the publisher and editor of ANTENNA, a monthly newsletter about current events and issues in the law affecting broadcasting. He syndicates this newsletter to other broadcast attorneys and law firms, who rebrand it and distribute it to their clients.

During what would now be called a “gap year,” Martin took a year off from college to teach school in Rwanda. On the way there, he visited Israel to do some sightseeing. While in Israel, a chance encounter with Larry Garety led to an invitation to Garety’s home for lunch and an afternoon car tour of Biblical sights around the outskirts of Jerusalem. The archaeology seed was sown then, although it took awhile to sprout. Some years later, Martin participated as a volunteer at the University of Tel Aviv dig at Timna in Southern Israel.

Martin has been a member since 2011 of the Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia (founded by the late Hershel Shanks) and joined its board in 2023.

Martin is a graduate of the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. He holds a B.A. degree from Washington Adventist University, and an M.A. degree from the University of Maryland.

He has been a member of ASOR since 2021.