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Prior to joining TI-USA, Ms. Sherman was Counsel at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where she provided legal advice on corporate law, trade, and telecommunications from September 1998-2002. She also served in the International Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission from July 1997 to July 1998, drafting orders and rules relating to international telecommunications issues.

Ms. Sherman was Associate General Counsel in the Office of the United States Trade Representative from July 1992 to July 1997 and was involved in numerous trade negotiations during that time. She was the legal advisor to the U.S. delegation to the negotiations resulting in the WTO's Agreement on basic Telecom and also participated in negotiations on the North American Free Trade Agreement, the plurilateral Government Procurement Agreement, and other bilateral investment agreements. Ms. Sherman has provided advice on the WTO's General Agreement on Trade in Services, the Agreement on Government Procurement, and the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures, as well as on bilateral investment agreements. She has written a number of articles on trade in telecommunications services.

Previously, Ms. Sherman practiced corporate law in the New York office of Paul Weiss (1985-1990) and was an attorney-advisor in the Legal Adviser's Office at the Department of State (1990-1992). She has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, *magna cum laude*, and a B.A., *cum laude*, from Cornell University. She is also a member of the bars of New York and the District of Columbia.