

# Introducing NECTA's Executive Leadership Team



**Tim Wilkerson,**  
President

Since 2019, Tim Wilkerson has served as NECTA's President overseeing regulatory affairs, legislative advocacy, public relations, and emerging sector business development opportunities for the NECTA members. Previously, Tim worked as NECTA's Vice President and General Counsel and as Policy Counsel.

Prior to joining NECTA, Governor Charlie Baker appointed Tim as Massachusetts' Regulatory and Permitting Ombudsmen charged with attracting and retaining businesses to the Commonwealth. He also served as Chair of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, both leading incubators for the Commonwealth's innovation ecosystem. Under Governor Deval Patrick, Tim was the Commonwealth's Director of Economic Policy Development and Regulatory Ombudsman. Previously, he served as the General Counsel and Legislative Director for the Massachusetts State 9-1-1 Department.

Tim worked in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for seven years initially as Chief Legal Counsel to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and then as Assistant Counsel in Office of House Counsel. Additionally, Tim was appointed as a Massachusetts Special Assistant Attorney General and as a Plymouth County Assistant District Attorney. For a decade, Tim was an Adjunct Faculty member at Suffolk University Law School where he taught courses on Legislation and Election Law.



**Anna Lucey,**  
EVP of Legislative  
and External Affairs

Anna Lucey joined the New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association (NECTA) in 2023 as Executive Vice President of Legislative and External Affairs. Prior to working at NECTA, Anna put to work her years of experience developing public policy at her own Massachusetts' focused public policy consulting firm, A. Lucey Strategies. Anna previously served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Dempsey, Lucey & Associates where she advised clients on legislative and regulatory matters in telecommunications, labor and workforce, gaming, health care, and energy.

Anna's industry experience runs deep. She worked as a Director of State Government Affairs at Charter Communications, headquartered in New England and a leading NECTA member company. There she developed strategies for pending legislation before the Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont legislatures and assisted with regulatory compliance issues within those states.

Prior to entering the private sector, Anna worked for over a decade on Beacon Hill, helping shape impactful legislation as a top lawyer for the House Committee on Ways and Means. She worked closely with the Speaker's Office, the Senate President's Office, and the Baker Administration to develop major bipartisan policy. During her time at the House Ways and Means Committee, Anna also had a leading role in developing policy for six state budgets, and 20 supplemental budgets, which delivered billions of dollars that strengthened the Massachusetts economy. Anna currently serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Children's Trust.



**Dave Soutter,**  
Director of Public Policy  
and Regulatory Affairs

Dave Soutter brings a robust legal pedigree and over twenty years in the United States Army to NECTA, joining in 2020 to serve as NECTA's Director of Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs. He oversees the regulatory environment in each of the NECTA states and at the Federal Communications Commission, builds consensus among the membership, and advocates for the broadband industry. Dave focuses his practice on pole attachments, the FCC formula and one touch make ready.

Prior to joining NECTA, Dave spent six years as a litigator with Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston. Dave focused on complex business litigation, government investigations and regulatory licensing. He has successfully represented large financial firms and Fortune 500 companies in dismissing securities fraud claims and with Department of Justice and Securities Exchange Commission investigations. Prior to joining Ropes & Gray, Dave served as a law clerk for the Honorable Francis X. Flaherty at the Supreme Court of Rhode Island.

Prior to attending law school and becoming an attorney, Dave served for nine years in the United States Army as an intelligence officer. He has received the Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals (with oak leaf cluster), four Army Achievement Medals and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Dave left Active Duty in 2010 but continues to serve in the United States Army Reserves supporting United States European Command. Dave's current rank is Lieutenant Colonel.



**Seth Caplan,**  
Chief of Staff  
and CFO

Since 2020, Seth Caplan has served as NECTA's Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer overseeing all financial aspects of the business as well as driving NECTA's financial strategy and planning.

Prior to joining NECTA, Seth was a Vice President of Alternative Investment Services at JP Morgan where he managed multiple global business units with a focus on creating and maintaining policies and procedures for the complex accounting teams. He also worked at Bank of New York Mellon as a Vice President in the Complex Accounting and Administration Group managing the partnership accounting and investor services teams. Seth also held senior manager roles at State Street Corporation and Bisys Hedge Fund Services.

Seth has served on multiple Board of Directors and currently serves as the Treasurer for Swampscott Youth Soccer Association and the Treasurer for The Swampscott Club.