



Julia Johnson is president of NetCommunications. NetCommunications is comprised of highly specialized attorneys and regulatory analysts who focus primarily on business, governmental and regulatory practices and policies

Mrs. Johnson is a nationally recognized expert in utility regulation. Governor Lawton Chiles appointed her to the Florida Public Service Commission for two consecutive terms from 1992-1999 during which she served as chairman to the commission from 1997-1999. Her responsibilities included the regulation and policy implementation of Florida's \$20.8 billion investor-owned utility industry, which includes the intra-state operation of telecommunications, electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities.

As a regulator, Mrs. Johnson served as the State Chair of the Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service which provided regulatory policy recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission on the deployment of telecommunications and universal service support mechanisms bringing internet access to schools and libraries across the nation.

In 1999, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Mrs. Johnson as the Chairperson of Florida's Internet Taskforce. In that capacity she served as key advisor to the governor and the Florida Legislature on issues related to free-market development, beneficial use of advanced communications networks and information technologies. She also launched the national brand for the state's information technology initiatives (itFLORIDA.com). More than 90 percent of the Taskforce IT policy and regulatory recommendations were enacted into law.

In 2003, Mrs. Johnson was appointed chair of the Federal Communications Commission Federal Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communication in the Digital Age. The Diversity Committee produces reports and makes recommendations concerning the need for any guidelines, incentives, regulations or other policy approaches to promote diversity of participation in the communications sector. Under her leadership, the committee held its first regional diversity forum which attracted the participation of minority entrepreneurs and companies from across the county.

From 2001-2006, Mrs. Johnson served on the State of Florida Board of Education where she directed the implementation of all education policies for the state.

Mrs. Johnson currently serves as the chairman of the Florida African American Education Alliance. The Alliance is an outreach organization designed to encourage the active involvement and partnership of African American students, parents and communities in the continued improvement of education in Florida.

Mrs. Johnson was recently appointed by Speaker of the House Marco Rubio to serve as a constitutional commissioner on the Tax and Budget Reform Commission for the State of Florida where she will be responsible for examining the constitutional and statutory limitations on finance and taxation and making appropriate recommendations.

Mrs. Johnson earned a B.S. in Business Management and Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida.