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Ajit Pai, a Partner at Searchlight, focuses on the firm's broadband and digital infrastructure efforts and is one of Searchlight's representatives on All Points' Board of Directors. Ajit served as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from January 2017 until January 2021. During his tenure at the FCC as both Commissioner and Chairman from 2012-2021, he implemented major initiatives to help close the digital divide, including the Connect America Fund and the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. He also advanced U.S. leadership in 5G, Open Radio Access Networks, Wi-Fi 6, and other wireless technologies; promoted innovation, consumer protection, public safety and national security; and made the agency more open, transparent and data-driven. Earlier in his career, he served in various positions of increasing responsibility at the FCC, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Senate. Before becoming a Commissioner at the FCC, he worked as a Partner at the law firm of Jenner & Block and served as in-house counsel at Verizon. Mr. Pai graduated with honors from Harvard University in 1994 and from the University of Chicago Law School in 1997.