

Transportation

Our multimodal Transportation practice works with the world's leading transportation companies to solve the industry's most complex regulatory and business issues, across all modes, around the globe. Our team combines top-tier aviation and surface transportation practices with extensive transportation experience in each of the world's major markets.

We are at the forefront of regulatory and emerging technology issues and represent companies from all transportation modes—including automotive, aviation, drones, trucking, rail, and maritime shipping—before all the relevant federal regulatory agencies, with an emphasis on:

- Safety, environmental, and other regulation of transportation industry manufacturers, including:
 - Federal vehicle and motor carrier safety requirements and investigations by the National Highway Transportation Agency (NHTSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
 - Environmental regulation of vehicles and engines by U.S. and California authorities (EPA and the California Air Resources Board CARB)
 - Safety regulation of rail car manufacturers by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Department of Transportation (DOT) regulation of manned aircraft and drone manufacturers
 - Autonomous vehicle regulation by federal and state authorities

Key contacts

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Trending Topics

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A directory of our U.S. government and agency experience

Areas of focus

Automotive Regulatory

Aviation Manufacturers and Repair Facilities

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Clean Air

Connected Cars

DoT and FAA Regulatory

Government Investigations

Infrastructure and Equipment

Product Compliance

- Regulation related to transportation infrastructure projects (e.g., environmental and historic preservation reviews and approvals by U.S. transportation authorities including DOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), FAA, and PHMSA; transportation agency participation in public-private partnership (P3) projects; federal grants; FAA noise and environmental requirements; Maritime Administration (MARAD)/Coast Guard (USCG) licensing of port projects, etc.).
- Economic and safety regulation of transportation operators and facilities including: accident investigations by the FAA, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), FRA, and NHTSA; Surface Transportation Board (STB) economic regulation of rail operations; FRA and PHMSA regulation of rail car owners and shippers; FAA regulation of airlines and airports, and commercial drone operators.

Representative experience

Advising companies on cutting-edge issues related to autonomous driving, including state and federal regulatory developments, incident investigations, and treatment of emerging technologies.

Representing several auto manufacturers involved in the Takata airbag safety crisis, filing required reports, providing regulatory counsel, consulting with NHTSA officials, and negotiating recall parameters.

Assisted CNN to secure the first-ever FAA waiver to legally fly UAS (drones) in the U.S. for news gathering and reporting activities over people.

Advising a leading automotive manufacturer regarding exports of automobiles to Cuba and establishing operations on the island.

Advised Aeromexico in connection with negotiations of a joint-venture alliance agreement with Delta Air Lines, and obtaining approval and the grant of antitrust immunity for the joint

Product Litigation

Rail

Transportation Safety

Transportation, Utilities, and Public Safety

Transportation and Logistics

Rail Finance

Aviation Finance

Related practices

Aviation Law

Corporate

Environment and Natural Resources

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

Space and Satellite

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Asset Finance

Products Law

Related industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

Automotive and Mobility

Diversified Industrials

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venture.

Representing the Association of American Railroads in efforts to deploy Positive Train Control.

Coordinating defense of a car shipping sector player in an international cartel investigation involving the EU, U.S., Japan, Canada, and other jurisdictions.

Spearheaded Carnival Cruise's Cuba ecotourism initiative and obtained ground-breaking licenses from OFAC and BIS for operating vessels in Cuba.

Awards and rankings

- Band 1 for Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory — Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2016-2019
- Band 1 in Transportation: Road (Carriage/Commercial), *Chambers USA*, 2008-2019
- Band 1 in Transport: Rail and Road - Regulatory, *The Legal 500, United States*, 2018
- Technology Law Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019
- Tier 1 or Top - Tier Firm for Transport: Aviation and Air Travel: Regulation, *The Legal 500 US*, 2018, 2019

Latest thinking and events

Hogan Lovells Publications

DOJ Continues False Claims Act Enforcement in Transportation Industry

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PHMSA proposes new rule authorizing the transport of LNG by rail

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Events

Hogan Lovells Washington Office hosts OECD International Transport Forum Working Group

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Proposed changes to Mexico's Consumer Protection Law

Events

Africa Forum London 2019

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NHTSA, FMCSA release advanced notices of proposed rule-making regarding autonomous driving systems

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