

Patrick R. Rizzi

Counsel

Washington, D.C.

Biography

For more than two decades, Pat Rizzi has represented and advised clients on legal and regulatory issues involving aviation. Pat focuses on aviation law, regulations, litigation, and transactions, and regularly represents clients before the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and other government agencies.

Pat has deep and extensive experience advising passenger and cargo airlines, airports, infrastructure and development companies, on-demand air taxi operators, operators and manufacturers of unmanned aircraft systems, aerospace manufacturers, banks, investment firms, repair stations, technology companies, and government agencies on international and domestic aviation regulatory, litigation, and transactional issues. He counsels clients on operations, safety, compliance, licensing, certification, airport access, and customer service regulations.

Other areas of focus include international route rights, alliances, marketing arrangements, antitrust immunity, government investigations, airport privatization, and airline/aviation-related transactions and ownership changes. Pat also handles DOT/FAA enforcement proceedings, trial and appellate court litigation, FAA petitions for exemption, airspace obstruction matters, slots, federal grant assurances, and airport noise.



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Practices

Aviation Law

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Litigation Services

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Transportation

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Diversified Industrials

Representative experience

Represented clients before the DOT and FAA on aviation legal and regulatory matters.

Regularly counseled aviation clients on operational and compliance issues under U.S. aviation regulations and laws.

Defended clients in enforcement investigations and proceedings instituted by the FAA and DOT.

Counseled air carriers, aerospace entities, banks, and investment firms on financings and structuring issues for airlines and repair stations.

Advised companies on regulations, rulemakings, acquisitions, petitions for exemption, and compliance involving unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

Advised airports on AIP/PFC issues, land use, federal grant assurances, minimum standards, compliance issues, revenue use, FAA audits, and marketing.

Advised financial and infrastructure companies on airport privatizations.

Aviation-related litigation. See, e.g., *Republic Airline v. DOT* and *NAC v. USPS* and *PenAir*

Awards and rankings

- Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2016-2021
- Transport: Aviation and Air Travel: Regulation, Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2021

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises American Robotics in acquisition by Ondas Holdings
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - FCC upholds penalty against HobbyKing

Areas of focus

Aviation Legislation and Policy

Aviation Manufacturers and Repair Facilities

Legislation

Administrative Procedure Act

Class Actions and Group Litigation

DoT and FAA Regulatory

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., New York University School of Law, Morton Geller Award, 1993

B.S.B.A., Georgetown University, magna cum laude, 1990

Memberships

Member, Air and Space Law Forum, ABA

Member, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Pennsylvania

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - FAA establishes UAS Beyond Visual Line of Sight Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells assists American Robotics to become first company approved by the FAA to operate automated drones without humans on-site
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - FAA reaches critical milestone on the road to UAS type certification *Transportation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Calling all drone airspace security companies: FAA seeks participants in research program to test unmanned aircraft systems detection and mitigation technologies at airports *Transportation Alert*

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

"very knowledgeable, very easy to work with and proactive"

Chambers USA 2016
