

Overview

Our Transportation Law Team assists companies involved in rail, air, road transportation, and infrastructure in a broad range of business and compliance issues. We understand the state and federal regulations that govern these areas to support our clients in litigation, enforcement and compliance, crisis management, insurance coverage, tax, employee benefits and labor matters.

We have experience with the following federal agencies to help our clients navigate the evolving legal landscape when transporting products and people.

- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHA)
- National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Our multidisciplinary approach to transportation law, draws upon the collective experience of hundreds of lawyers across our geographic footprint in the U.S. We are well equipped to assist clients with the following areas:

- Labor and employment matters
- Personal injury and wrongful death defense
- Commercial vehicle litigation
- Transportation agreements
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Insurance coverage and litigation
- Federal and state regulatory compliance

Representative Experience

- A team member is a National Coordinating Counsel for a Class I Railroad for the defense of occupational disease claims
- Defended a Jones Act claim in Louisiana in which a career-ending injury was alleged. Succeeded in reasonably resolving the claim prior to the initiation of formal litigation
- Argued cases before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in cases involving the Locomotive Inspection Act
- Team members have engaged in numerous preliminary hearings to determine the admissibility of novel and complex scientific evidence for clientele in the transportation industry in federal and state courts
- Defended clients in litigation involving fatalities and catastrophic injuries involving commercial trucking and DOT regulations
- A team member is a former Deputy General Counsel for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and is also a former Administrative Law Judge who has adjudicated cases involving federal DOT violation and compliance issues
- Handled tort and insurance matters for railroads, including the defense of crossing accidents, train derailments, and claims brought pursuant to the Federal Employer's Liability Act (FELA)
- Successfully defended railroad transportation company in claims brought under FELA where plaintiffs alleged injury
- Received defense verdict in matter involving representation of railroad transportation company where plaintiff alleged permanent disability
- Defended railroad against claims of orthopedic injuries from long-term exposure to occupational risk factors
- Represented a railroad in over 100 claims of solvent-induced brain damage and received defense verdicts in the 10 cases that were tried. The remaining claims were later dismissed on summary judgment following a successful Daubert challenge
- Defended DOT-regulated trucking company in a complex wheel-off incident involving major injuries and fatalities



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