

Rail

Our multidisciplinary rail practice includes clients across all segments of the industry including passenger rail, light rail, freight rail, rail car builders and lessors, and other rail industry suppliers. We represent these clients before all of the relevant federal courts, departments, administrative agencies, and quasi-regulatory bodies, including the Surface Transportation Board, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Association of American Railroads.

Representative experience

Serving as the primary regulatory counsel to Railway Supply Institute. Over the last 25 years, we have represented the rail supply industry in every major federal rulemaking that has affected the industry.

Representing major freight shippers and private car owners in creating a coalition organized to pursue solutions to certain railroad practices.

Providing environmental counsel to Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority as it manages the extension of the Washington Metrorail line in Northern Virginia to and beyond Dulles International Airport.

Advising the underwriters and senior lenders to the Macquarie/Skanska team bidding for the Purple Line light rail P3 project in Maryland, which was only the second light rail P3 project in the U.S. market, and the first under Maryland's new

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Practices

Transportation

P3 law.

Representing car owners in STB proceedings challenging the application by a competitor to obtain a multiyear extension of STB antitrust immunity for its railroad flatcar pool.

Assisting the Denver Union Station Project Authority in obtaining US\$300m in low-cost financing from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for a major intermodal hub development.

Representing the largest private rail switching service provider in the U.S. on compliance, enforcement, and jurisdictional matters related to national rail safety regulations.

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.

Advising the State of Bavaria on the procurement and state aid aspects of the proposed Transrapid train project in Munich.

Advising SMBC on the procurement of new Hitachi trains for the Abellio Scotrail franchise.

Advised governments of Niger and Benin in connection with the multibillion, circa 3000 km-long West African Rail Loop Project connecting Abidjan to Cotonou via Niamey.

Advised Russian industrial group CJSC Sinara Group on establishing a JV with Siemens AG for design, manufacture, operation, and maintenance of innovative electric locomotives.

Assisting U.S. tank car fleet owners to develop U.S./Canadian regulatory strategy for crude-by-rail transport by working closely with U.S. and Canadian transportation officials.

Representation of a passenger railroad in ensuring National Environmental Policy Act compliance in connection with Canadian National's acquisition of the EJ&E belt railroad around Chicago.

Representing a coal fired utility in evaluating options and legal issues associated with construction of a major rail extension to gain access to a competing class I freight railroad.

Representing shippers of crude oil in challenging certain railroad tariffs before the STB.