

Aviation Law

Our aviation practice spans every facet of the industry, including regulatory, aviation finance and leasing, antitrust, airline alliances and joint ventures, litigation, legislative/lobbying, M&A, and environmental issues.

Chambers USA notes that ours is a “highly acclaimed regulatory practice working with an impressive client roster comprising airlines, airports and aviation industry manufacturers, as well as private equity firms and financial institutions.” *Chambers Global* has recognized us as “a one-stop shop for all aviation finance leasing work.”

With offices spanning the globe, with key hubs in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, our service is seamless. Clients benefit from our aviation lawyers' in-depth understanding of the industry, and the regulatory, economic, and financing landscape. Members of our team have served as Chief Counsel of the FAA, Special Counsel to the Administrator of the FAA, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation and to a member of the NTSB, and Executive Assistant to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Civil Aeronautics Board. Our aviation finance team has extensive experience with structuring and documenting complex cross-border aviation finance transactions.

Together, we advise on issues covering every segment of the aviation industry, helping U.S. and foreign airlines, airports, aviation joint ventures, banks, lessors, government authorities, equipment manufacturers, repair facilities, aviation trade associations, business aviation operators, fractional ownership providers, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS/drone)

Key contacts

Robert E. Cohn,
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Areas of focus

Aviation Finance

Aviation Legislation and
Policy

Aviation Manufacturers and
Repair Facilities

DoT and FAA Regulatory

Transportation Safety

Automotive Regulatory

Related practices

Antitrust and Competition

manufacturers/operators, aviation public private partnerships, commercial space companies, and corporate and high net worth individuals to navigate the challenges and achieve their aims.

Representative experience

Advise 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 venture.

Advise Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA on its enhanced equipment trust certificate (EETC) financing of ten new B737-800 aircraft and the related bridge financing.

Advise Virgin America in obtaining airport slots and gates related to the settlement of a lawsuit the DOJ brought against the merger of American Airlines and US Airways.

Assist CNN to secure the first-ever FAA waiver to legally fly UASs in the U.S. for news gathering and reporting activities over people.

Advise UK Export Finance on the capital markets aspects of a US\$913m Sukuk issuance for the acquisition of four Airbus aircraft.

Assist several UAS manufacturers and operators on aviation regulatory issues affecting this emerging industry.

Advise two airlines in antitrust damages claims brought in relation to a cartel in the air cargo market in the UK, the Netherlands, Germany, and the U.S.

Represent DVB on a US\$400m warehouse facility provided by Deutsche Bank for the acquisition of a portfolio of over 20 aircraft on lease to a range of airlines.

Counsel Aerion Corporation on FAA and International Civil Aviation Organization noise and certification matters in connection with Aerion's plans to develop a supersonic business jet.

Asset Finance

Corporate

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Space and Satellite

Litigation Services

Transportation

Related industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

Awards and rankings

- Practice Group of the Year, Transportation, *Law360*, 2019
- Tier 1 or Top - Tier Firm for Transport: Aviation and Air Travel: Regulation, *The Legal 500 US*, 2018, 2019
- Lisa Ellman named a Rising Star, *The Legal 500 USA*, 2018
- Band 1 for Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory — Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2016-2019
- Deal of the Year (Emirates Airline Sukuk bond issue, UAE), *Trade Finance Awards*, 2016
- Robert E. Cohn, E. Tazewell Ellett, and Patrick R. Rizzi ranked for Transportation: Aviation Regulatory (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2017
- Robert E. Cohn and E. Tazewell Ellett named among World's Leading Practitioners for Aviation Regulatory, *Who's Who Legal Transport*, 2016
- Lisa Ellman named a Rising Star, *National Law Journal*, 2015
- UAS practice is Highly Commended, *FT North America Innovative Lawyers Awards*, 2016
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating Robert E. Cohn, E. Tazewell Ellett, George Carneal, Pat Rizzi, Sheryl Israel, 2015
- George Carneal named Senior Statesman for Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory - Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2007-2017
- Technology Law Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

Events

Hogan Lovells Washington Office hosts OECD International Transport Forum Working Group

Hogan Lovells Publications

Proposed UAS remote identification rule at White House for review

Aviation Alert

Hogan Lovells Publications

Proposed changes to Mexico's Consumer Protection Law

Press Releases

MexCAT Ad Hoc Bondholder Group Concerns Regarding Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation

Press Releases

MexCAT Bondholders form Ad Hoc Group

Hogan Lovells Publications

EASA publishes proposed airworthiness standards for small eVTOL aircraft for public consultation

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