

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

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Transportation

Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

Automotive and Mobility

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*, 2016-2019
- Transport: Aviation and Air Travel: Regulation, Next Generation, *Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - EASA publishes proposed airworthiness standards for small eVTOL aircraft for public consultation *Aviation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications

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

- New FAA exemption issued to Avitas Systems, a GE venture, will help expand beyond visual line of sight drone operations *Transportation Alert*
- Press Releases
 - Trump administration announces initial round of Unmanned Aircraft System Integration Pilot Program participants
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Trump administration announces first round of UAS Integration Pilot Program Participants *UAS Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Controversial UAS remote ID and tracking ARC report published by FAA *Aviation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - White House unveils new Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program *Aviation 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
