Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are the latest innovation in the aviation industry and have dramatically changed the way numerous industries inspect, document, and secure their assets and processes. UAS present tremendous opportunities to a wide variety of companies and industries. Steptoe’s lawyers are well-versed in the regulatory process involved with obtaining authority to operate UAS, establishing compliant in-house UAS operations, and resolving the many legal questions that arise in the context of UAS operations. We practice frequently before and enjoy longstanding relationships with all of the relevant agencies, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). We have the experience and skills necessary to solve the commercial, regulatory and legal issues that arise in the context of UAS.

Our experience in aviation law, where we assist aviation industry leaders in a variety of matters before federal agencies and advise on the evolving commercial and regulatory issues facing the aviation industry, gives us the insight to provide sound regulatory compliance and commercial advice for clients working with UAS. We assist clients in obtaining necessary exemptions and waivers, and help them navigate new, groundbreaking rules issued by the FAA. Our lawyers have experience and insight into the future of regulatory and investigative developments in the UAS industry. For example, the National Transportation Safety Board has confirmed it will investigate significant UAS accidents and our decades of experience handling a range of NTSB accident investigations allow us to assist our clients with accident preparedness and response activities. We also participate in various FCC and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) regulatory proceedings to establish the rules that will permit unmanned aircraft to provide broadband Internet access services.
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