Our transportation lawyers represent clients in a broad range of complex commercial and regulatory matters pertaining to rail, motor, and air carriage and are known for the depth of our experience in transportation litigation and appellate matters. We have participated in major cases involving rail rates, competition and commercial disputes, rail, aviation, and motor carrier rule-making proceedings, state taxation of railroads, preemption proceedings, regulation of global distribution systems, rail and motor passenger matters, class action antitrust litigation, test flights of unmanned aircraft, and various other cases of industry-wide significance.

When our clients' matters raise discrepancies between state and federal regulation, which is not uncommon in transportation dealings, our team is well-versed on all facets of preemption. We have secured numerous successes for our clients based on federal preemption and successfully advised on appeals from adverse federal preemption rulings.

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