

Aerospace and Defense

From manufacturers of nuclear submarines and airliners to operators of uncrewed aircraft and major passenger and cargo airlines, Jenner & Block's clients are at the forefront of aerospace and defense manufacturing, operations, and sustainment. Jenner's Aerospace and Defense practice works shoulder to shoulder with industry stakeholders to drive solutions to challenges impeding commercial and operational objectives. Jenner's lawyers defend clients' freedom of action through support in a variety of matters, including litigation, investigations, regulatory, transactional, insurance, competition, and supply chain matters.

Jenner & Block draws on decades of private sector, government, and military experience to help solve the toughest challenges facing the aerospace and defense industry and ensure regulatory compliance as clients pursue their business goals. We bring deep industry insight to help clients navigate a wide range of business disputes and legal issues, and offer a deep bench beyond the Aerospace and Defense practice team with experience in government contracts, environmental law, communications, appeals, public policy matters, and myriad other areas.

We're Passionate About the Aerospace & Defense Industry

Our backgrounds working in leadership roles for aircraft manufacturers, the federal government, and the military are a major advantage when helping carriers, trade associations, logistics companies or manufacturers plan for the impact of emerging regulations. With a deep understanding our clients' diverse needs, we provide zealous advocacy and varied, smart, business- and operations-focused advice for both the "traditional" and cutting-edge issues facing the industry.

Defending Business Threats from Every Angle

When disputes threaten client objectives, we fight hard. We regularly defend aerospace manufacturers and defense firms in commercial and government facing litigation, from trial courts to the Supreme Court of the United States, and in domestic and international arbitrations. We've tried hundreds of cases, winning for our clients both as plaintiffs and defendants, and successfully addressing recurring industry concerns. We also appeal administrative agency rulemaking decisions, including before the National Transportation Safety Board.

Bringing Credibility to Agency Interactions

Helping clients understand and shape the regulations impacting their business is central to our practice, so strong working relationships with airports and regulators including the FAA and DOT are critical. Our industry-specific regulatory, operational, and deal experience means our voices carry

weight as we advocate for our clients' interests, no matter the regulatory hurdle. We support industry growth while guiding major airport infrastructure finance and development projects funded by airport sponsors, FAA grants, and DOT terminal grants. With our support, passenger and cargo operators resolve airport access, route authority, and airspace issues. We frequently file comments on a range of airline rules and air safety issues.

Anticipating Compliance and Enforcement Challenges

With our help, clients avoid non-compliance and prolonged disputes with regulators, suppliers, and customers. We design our risk management assessments, internal investigations, compliance reviews, and training based on our first-hand knowledge of industry and regulatory concerns. Should a government investigation or enforcement action arise, we guide clients through voluntary disclosures and vigorously defend their interests before the FAA, DOT, DHS, DOD, and other federal agencies.

Leading Aerospace and Defense Dealmakers

Our team includes leading dealmakers, who counsel aerospace and defense clients throughout the lifecycle of a transaction. We guide clients on FAA, DOT, TSA, NTSB, IRS, and state tax issues affecting aircraft operations, and assist our clients in structuring their transactions and operations to comply with applicable regulations. We also provide transaction due diligence and counsel to foreign companies operating in the United States.

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