

Arjun Garg

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

Arjun Garg, formerly the Chief Counsel and Acting Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and also the Chief Counsel of the Federal Transit Administration, is an authority on transportation law and advises clients across a variety of aerospace and other transportation issues.

Arjun is an established leader in the aviation industry whose clients benefit from his versatility. With experience as a regulator, litigator, and counselor, Arjun combines technical skill as a lawyer with the strategic perspective of an executive and the relationships of a senior government official. Drawing on this background, he helps clients across all facets of aviation navigate regulatory and policy issues affecting their business and solve their most complex problems.

At the FAA, Arjun led the agency's legal strategy on the grounding, review, and safe return to service of the 737 MAX, and steered the agency through related congressional oversight, investigations, litigation, whistleblower complaints, and policy reforms. He was instrumental in completing foundational rulemakings for drones and commercial space. He drove dozens of regulatory actions to sustain the continuity of the U.S. air transportation system in response to COVID-19. He also oversaw enforcement actions against regulated entities and the agency's adjudication of contract disputes and bid protests.

Arjun previously gained a decade of civil litigation experience in administrative law, class action, and



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Practices

Transportation

Aviation Law

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Space and Satellite

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Mobility & Transportation

Aerospace and Defense

Transport & Logistics

commercial matters as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, an associate at an international law firm, and a law clerk to the Hon. Thomas F. Hogan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Representative experience

Advised an air carrier on noise litigation related to airspace changes*

Advised an Advanced Air Mobility company on securing regulatory approvals*

Completed FAA regulation on Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft*

Completed FAA regulation on Operation of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Over People*

Completed FAA regulation on Streamlined Launch and Reentry License Requirements for commercial space transportation (14 CFR part 450)*

Brought FAA enforcement actions revoking certificates and seeking civil penalties totaling over US\$56m, including the single largest-ever civil penalty action in FAA history*

Administered FAA airport slot usage waivers*

Implemented a new FAA grant program for airports under the CARES Act and issued guidance for airports on COVID-19 restrictions and accommodations*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Special Commendation for Outstanding Service, *U.S. Department of Justice*, 2017

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - President Biden issues sweeping Executive Order to promote competition
- News
 - FCC upholds penalty against HobbyKing

Areas of focus

Transportation Safety
DoT and FAA Regulatory
Aviation Legislation and Policy
Aviation Manufacturers and Repair Facilities
Administrative Procedure Act
Rulemaking and Legislative Advocacy
Class Actions and Group Litigation
Government Investigations
Bid Protest Litigation
COVID-19 U.S. Government Legislation
Domestic Preference and Buy American Laws

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, James Kent Scholar, 2008

B.A., Princeton University, 2003

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

- News
 - FAA establishes UAS Beyond Visual Line of Sight Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court
