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Don advises aviation and maritime clients on commercial transactions, antitrust, and regulatory matters, and has successfully represented clients involved in commercial litigation before federal courts and administrative agencies.

Don handles a wide range of transactional and regulatory matters relating to air, ocean, and inland transportation. He regularly advises on matters before the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Maritime Commission, the U.S. Maritime Administration, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. He has successfully represented clients before state and federal legislative bodies on numerous transportation safety, regulatory, and commercial issues. He also advises clients on U.S. export controls, trade sanctions, and customs regulations and has secured favorable resolutions of investigations of airlines and ocean carriers by the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Bureau of Industry and Security. His experience also includes the corporate reorganization of a U.S. airline and the successful defense of a client in a case of first impression under the Montreal Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (Montreal Convention).

He has extensive experience in the development and operation of regional transportation equipment pools, including the formation and reorganization of business entities, corporate governance, and antitrust, environmental, and safety compliance.

Don has a degree in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in political science from Auburn University at Montgomery. He received his law degree with honors from the George Washington University School of Law. Prior to attending law school, Don served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. He also previously served as a naval flight officer and has amassed nearly 3,000 hours in various aircraft.

Practice Areas

- Maritime Regulatory
- Trade Regulations, Export Controls & Sanctions
- Intermodal & Logistics
- Government & Regulatory

Industry Sectors

- Aviation
- Maritime

Education

- George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2002
- Auburn University—Montgomery, M.S., 1994
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1979

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

- American Bar Association

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