

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Our team at Hogan Lovells understands the business of emerging technologies, chiefly UAS and drone technology, to help you take ideas from drawing board, to implementation, to global deployment.

Players in the emerging unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) marketplace face far-reaching issues. FAA regulations. Intellectual property concerns. Corporate matters. Data privacy. Counter-UAV technology. Export control. Product liability. Public policy. Business strategy. We provide everything UAS manufacturers, operators, and users need to navigate regulations and risk.

Representative experience

Counseling companies and investors on the regulation of drones in various countries around the world.

Helped CNN secure precedent-setting FAA waivers to legally fly UAS over members of the public.

Assist several UAS manufacturers, operators, and end users on aviation regulatory issues.

Counsel companies to innovate in a safe, secure way that is amenable to policymakers.

Help companies to explore strategies to fly UAS beyond line of sight, at low or high altitudes.

Key contacts

Lisa Ellman,
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Trending Topics

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Read our insights, analysis, and news about regulatory issues affecting UAS manufacturers, operators, and users.

Areas of focus

Aviation Legislation and
Policy

Automotive Regulatory

Help companies seeking to fly UAS in urban areas, at night, over people, and outside the boundaries of Part 107.

Help companies worried about rogue UAS flying over their property.

Assist counter-drone technology companies navigate legal and regulatory requirements.

Help companies, universities, and organizations navigate FAA regulations to fly drones legally in the U.S.

Develop business and trade association public policy strategies to advance innovation and business success.

Counsel companies entering the UAS marketplace to craft a business strategy for success.

Counsel UAS companies with privacy and data security issues.

Awards and rankings

- Practice Group of the Year, Transportation, *Law360*, 2019
- Tier 1 or Top - Tier Firm for Transport: Aviation and Air Travel: Regulation, *The Legal 500 US*, 2018, 2019
- Lisa Ellman named a Rising Star, *The Legal 500 USA*, 2018
- Band 1 for Telecom, Broadcast & Satellite - District of Columbia, *Chambers USA*, 2017
- Band 1 for Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory — Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2016-2019
- Most Innovative Law Firms, North America, *Financial Times*, 2016-2017
- George Carneal named Senior Statesman for Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory - Nationwide, *Chambers USA*, 2007-2017
- Band 2 for Government: Government Relations, *The Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Band 2 for Media, Technology, and Telecoms: Technology: Transactions, *The Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Robert E. Cohn, E. Tazewell Ellett, and Patrick R. Rizzi ranked for Transportation: Aviation Regulatory (Nationwide),

Related practices

Aviation Law

Commercial

Communications, Internet, and Media

Consumer Law

Corporate

Government Contracts

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Intellectual Property

International Trade and Investment

Litigation Services

Mergers and Acquisitions

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Transportation

Related industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

Consumer

Education

Energy and Natural Resources

Insurance

Real Estate

TMT

Chambers USA, 2017

- Robert E. Cohn and E. Tazewell Ellett named among World's Leading Practitioners for Aviation Regulatory, *Who's Who Legal Transport, 2016*
- Highly Commended, *Financial Times North America Innovative Lawyers Awards, 2016*
- Lisa Ellman Named a Rising Star, *Legal Times, 2015*
- Technology Law Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal, 2019*

Latest thinking and events

Hogan Lovells Events

Domestic Drone Security Series - June 2017

Hogan Lovells Events

Domestic Drone Security Series - November 2017

Awards and Rankings

Hogan Lovells lawyers and practices highlighted by 2020 Chambers USA rankings

Hogan Lovells Publications

How is the UAS Industry experiencing the COVID-19 crisis?
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Hogan Lovells Publications

Global Media, Technology and Communications Quarterly - Autumn 2019

Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements

Olafson Ethics Symposium