

E. (Ted) Tazewell Ellett

Senior Counsel
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Biography

With deep roots in the Washington D.C. aviation community, Ted Ellett provides clients with studied insight into the thinking and inner workings of the critical federal aviation agencies. Ted has been advising clients for decades on their most complex FAA regulatory and policy issues.

As a former FAA Chief Counsel and Special Counsel to the Administrator, Ted co-founded the firm's Aviation Group. He also is a member of the firm's Global Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) (drones) practice, which he also co-founded. He uses his background from senior-level positions at the FAA and decades of client problem-solving at all levels of the FAA to resolve clients' critical FAA challenges.

Ted has been an industry leader in crafting regulatory constructs for innovative aviation business concepts, operations, and technologies. Aviation innovations as diverse as aircraft fractional ownership, airport privatization, commercial zero-gravity flight operations, and UAS all have benefitted from Ted's creative, business-focused legal counsel.

Representative experience

Assisted Google in the preparation and filing of a UAS Section 333 petition for exemption with the FAA.



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Practices

Aviation Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Administrative and Public Law

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Transportation

Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

TMT

Diversified Industrials

Advised and represented Aerion Corporation on airworthiness and noise certification matters related to its AS2 supersonic business jet.

Assisted Union Pacific Railroad in the preparation and filing of its UAS Section 333 petition for exemption with the FAA.

Advised Topcon Positioning Systems on UAS regulatory matters, including the preparation and filing of its Section 333 petition for exemption.

Awards and rankings

- Transport: Aviation Regulatory, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019
- Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2007-2020
- Transport: Aviation and Air Travel, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2019
- Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory & Litigation (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2006

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - EASA publishes proposed airworthiness standards for small eVTOL aircraft for public consultation *Aviation Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - New FAA exemption issued to Avitas Systems, a GE venture, will help expand beyond visual line of sight drone operations *Transportation Alert*
- Media Mention
 - Is There a Supersonic Airplane in Your Future *Business Aviation Insider magazine*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Trump administration announces first round of UAS Integration Pilot Program Participants *UAS Alert*

Areas of focus

Aviation Legislation and Policy

Aviation Manufacturers and Repair Facilities

DoT and FAA Regulatory

Legislation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1977

B.A., Davidson College, 1974

Memberships

Chair, UAS Subcommittee of the National Business Aviation Association Regulatory Issues Advisory Group

Former Chairman, Federal Bar Association's Transportation Law Section and the Virginia Bar Association's Transportation Law Section

Former General Counsel, Airport Consultants Council

Former Member, Aviation Advisory Board, USC

Former Member, Board of Governors, Aero Club of Washington

Founding Member, National Transportation Safety Board Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

- Published Works
 - Passengers Without Pilots: Toward a Brave New World of Drones *VBA Journal*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Controversial UAS remote ID and tracking ARC report published by FAA *Aviation Alert*

Member, American Counsel Association

Member, Bar Association of D.C.

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, International Aviation Club

Member, International Bar Association

Member, International Society of Air Safety Investigators

Member, Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association

Past President, Aero Club of Washington

Past President, Virginia Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

Court admissions

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

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

"He has deep experience in DOT and FAA matters, and is praised as an 'excellent communicator' who is 'extremely knowledgeable in the law.'"

Chambers USA
