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PRACTICES

- International Commerce
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude
- Georgetown University, B.A., cum laude

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Florida

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Forum on Air & Space Law, American Bar Association
- American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP, Associate, 2019-Present
- Federal Aviation Administration, Attorney, 2017-2019
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Honors Attorney, 2016-2017

Mike focuses on transportation and international trade matters and provides guidance to clients in a variety of sectors.

Mike represents clients on litigation, regulatory, and finance matters. His clients include major air carriers, ship-owners, ports, trade associations, trucking companies, import/exporters, and several of the nation's largest transit agencies.

Mike has drafted litigation documents in federal district and appellate courts and government contracts bid protest documents before the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Mike regularly counsels clients on contract and procurement issues and compliance with the requirements of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and its operating modes, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

His work on international trade includes advising clients on compliance with import/export regulations, international sanctions, and Buy America requirements.

Mike is active in the firm's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) practice, where he works with UAS users, manufacturers, and interested third-parties in this developing area of the law. Drawing on his previous experience at the FAA, Mike has extensive UAS experience in the FAA authorization and exemption process, preparing Standard Operating Procedures, drawing and reviewing UAS service contracts, and interpreting complex UAS regulations. Mike participates in the Firm's UAS podcast, Three Lawyers and a Drone, which provides regular updates on hot-button UAS issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Mike worked at the FAA and as a DOT Honors Attorney. As a DOT Honors Attorney, Mike completed rotations with the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

Industries

- Admiralty and Maritime
- Aviation
- Public Transit
- Transportation

Presentations

- “What Lawyers Need to Know About Agency Guidance”, ABA Panel, August 2020