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Pat advises U.S. and foreign airlines, airports, air taxi operators, uncrewed aircraft systems operators, aerospace manufacturers, aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) businesses, investment and private equity firms, infrastructure and development companies, business aircraft operators, and technology companies on federal aviation regulatory compliance and rulemakings, litigation, transactions, and policy. He counsels clients on matters involving operations, safety, compliance, regulatory investigations, continuing fitness, and citizenship requirements, licensing, certification, civil penalty enforcement actions, certificate actions, competition, international route rights and bilateral air transport agreements, antitrust immunity, airline alliances, federal grant assurances, slots, airport privatization, aviation consumer regulations, essential air service, airport access, and airspace obstructions.

Pat regularly represents clients before the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He also represents clients before the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and other government agencies.

Pat is a recognized leader in the aviation bar with three decades of experience. He is consistently ranked as a leading aviation and regulatory attorney in *Chambers USA*, *Who's Who Legal*, and *Legal 500*. He was named one of the Top 10 Influential Regulatory Aviation Lawyers Shaping US Airspace in 2023 by *Business Today*. He is a member of the ABA's Air and Space Law Forum, previously served two terms on the Forum's Governing Committee, and has served as co-chair or a program committee member for several of the Forum's conferences. He is a licensed private pilot and a longstanding member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Pat also has participated in numerous panels and webinars about various aviation-related subjects.

Pat earned his B.S./B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the New York University School of Law, where he was an articles editor of the *NYU Law Review*.

Practice Areas

- Aviation Litigation
- Aviation Regulatory
- Government and Regulatory Affairs
- Transportation & Trade

Industry Sectors

- Aviation

Education

- New York University School of Law, J.D., 1993
- Georgetown University, B.S., B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1990

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

American Bar Association, Air and Space Law Forum Governing Committee Member, 2016-2020

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Awards & Honors

- *Chambers USA*, Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory (Nationwide), 2016-Present
- *The Legal 500 United States* "Leading Lawyer" for Transport: Aviation and Air Travel: Litigation & Regulation, 2022-Present
- *The Legal 500 United States* "Next Generation Partner" for Transport: Aviation and Air Travel, 2019-2021
- *Who's Who Legal*, Transport: Aviation Regulatory, 2023-Present
- *Who's Who Legal*, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, 2023-Present
- *Business Today*, Top 10 Influential Regulatory Aviation Lawyers Shaping US Airspace in 2023
- *Acquisition International*, Leading Aviation Regulatory Lawyer of the Year - Washington

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- *Lexology Index*, Thought Leaders Transport–Aviation Regulatory, 2025
- *Lexology Client Choice Award*, Transport, 2025

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