



## Robert E. Cohn

Senior Counsel  
Washington, D.C.

### Biography

With a decades-long aviation-focused legal career, Bob Cohn is widely recognized as one of the deans of the U.S. aviation bar. He heads Hogan Lovells' global Aviation practice and brings a wealth of aviation industry knowledge and skill sets to client problem solving and advocacy.

Bob advises a broad array of clients spanning every sector of air transport, including major U.S. and foreign passenger and cargo airlines; regional airlines; new entrant/low cost carriers; and helicopter operators. He also represents municipalities; airport owners and operators; airport developers; private equity and venture capital firms; maintenance/repair/overhaul companies; trade associations; and aviation technology companies.

Bob has been at the forefront of U.S. lawyers handling leading-edge aviation matters, including serving as general counsel to one of the first post-deregulation airlines. Under Bob's leadership, *Chambers USA* has consistently ranked Hogan Lovells as the top U.S. aviation law firm.

Bob's practice spans every facet of aviation law, including airline licensing and compliance, airport certification and compliance, airport privatization, antitrust, airline investment structures, airport use and



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### Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Aviation Law

Financial Services

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects

Government Relations and Public  
Affairs

Joint Ventures

Litigation Services

Government Contracts

Transportation

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### Industries

lease agreements, aircraft acquisitions and financing, mergers and acquisitions, U.S. Export Import Bank financings, and public private partnerships. He advises clients on domestic and cross-border acquisition; financing and leasing of aircraft, engines, and spare parts; Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones); negotiating and obtaining government approvals of global antitrust immunized joint venture alliances; and complex airport privatization (P3) projects.

With his knowledge of the aviation industry and respected relationships with government agency regulators, Bob is able to bring unparalleled insight to achieving client goals timely and efficiently.

## Representative experience

Advising U.S. and foreign airlines on DOT and FAA licensing, certifications, and compliance.

Negotiation of airline joint ventures and obtaining U.S. DOT approvals of antitrust immunized alliances and cooperative marketing agreements.

Advising airports on FAA AIP grants, PFC approvals, rates, charges, and revenue use compliance.

Advised several consortia on airport privatization projects including JFK Int'l Terminal, LaGuardia Central Terminal, Midway Airport, San Juan Airport.

Advised a major U.S. helicopter operator with finance and lease transactions involving hundreds of aircraft.

Advised a major Canadian helicopter operator with financing of fleet of "heavy" helicopters by the U.S. Export Import Bank.

Advised numerous private equity and hedge fund firms on M&A aviation transactions.

Advised numerous airlines on airport slot regulations and lease and purchase transactions.

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

Diversified Industrials

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## Areas of focus

Aviation Manufacturers and Repair  
Facilities

DoT and FAA Regulatory

Legislation

Administrative Procedure Act

Aviation Finance

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law  
Center, 1969

B.A., Syracuse University, 1966

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## Memberships

Member, Aero Club

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, International Aviation Club

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

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## Court admissions

## Awards and rankings

- Transport: Aviation Regulatory, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019
- Transportation: Aviation: Regulatory (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2005-2019
- Client Choice Award (Aviation), *Client Choice Award*, 2018
- Transport: Aviation and Air Travel, Leading Lawyer, *Legal 500 US*, 2019
- Transport: Aviation and Air Travel, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2018
- Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyer, D.C./Baltimore Area: For Ethical Standards and Legal Ability, 2014

## Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells continues growth and recognition in 2019 Legal 500 U.S. rankings
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Brazilian government lifts cap on foreign ownership of Brazilian airlines *Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Trump administration announces first round of UAS Integration Pilot Program Participants *UAS Alert*
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells celebrates 13 winners in Client Choice awards
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Senate Advances FAA Reauthorization Legislation With Passage of Bill *Hogan Lovells*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Hogan Lovells wins important victory for client Republic Airline in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District Columbia Circuit *Aviation and Surface*

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

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. Supreme Court

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## Accolades

"An excellent law firm, staffed by outstanding attorneys, that achieves results; impressive by any measure."

*Chambers USA 2014*

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"[A]t the very top of the game for the DOT regulatory practice."

*Chambers USA 2014*

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"The team is praised for their '[a]viation industry knowledge, with appropriate business-oriented solutions."

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