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Amazon

Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Worldwide Transportation & Sustainability

Seattle, WA

April 2017-Present

Senior lawyer leading the legal team that supports all aspects of Amazon's global transportation and logistics business and the company's sustainability and social responsibility initiatives. Portfolio includes global, in-country middle mile, and last mile shipping and delivery services for Amazon, its sellers, vendors and third-parties across all modes of transportation. This team provides tactical and strategic advice to our businesses on an array of domestic and global issues, such as regulatory compliance, competition/marketing, transportation safety and network efficiency, autonomous vehicles and other safety technologies, transportation security, litigation, contracting (including government contracting), data security and privacy, labor and employment, energy efficiency and sustainability, and legislative and policy matters. This team also provides legal support for all of Amazon's sustainability and social responsibility efforts, including implementation of Amazon's Climate Pledge commitments.

Morrison & Foerster LLP

Partner & Chair, Transportation Group

Washington, DC

September 2016-March 2017

Chair of the firm's Transportation Industry Group, focusing on meeting the increasingly sophisticated needs of the firm's transportation and technology clients, which ranged from regulatory, enforcement, and compliance matters to litigation, government contracts, and cybersecurity issues.

U.S. Department of Transportation

Special Advisor to the Secretary for WMATA Safety Oversight

Washington, DC

May 2016-August 2016

Special, temporary appointment by the Secretary of Transportation to enhance and support the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) effective safety oversight over Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) with respect to Metrorail. Duties included liaising with WMATA as part of FTA's WMATA oversight team (including ensuring compliance with FTA safety directives); providing strategic advice to the Secretary and the FTA Administrator on measures to strengthen safety on the WMATA Metrorail system; engaging with the White House, Congress, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland on WMATA safety issues (including legislation); and advising the Secretary and the FTA Administrator on efforts to create a new State Safety Oversight Agency for the WMATA system.

General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation

Washington, DC

April 2014-May 2016

(Senate confirmed)

Acting General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation

Washington, DC

May 2013-March 2014

(Presidential appointee)

Chief Legal Officer of the Department with responsibility for the supervision, coordination and review of the legal work of approximately 500 lawyers and staff across a Department of more than 58,000 employees. The legal issues covered all modes of transportation and fell into the following general categories: general law (*e.g.*, appropriations, grants and loans, public-private partnerships, ethics); international law; litigation and enforcement; legislation; regulations; operations (*e.g.*, congressional oversight, transportation security); energy efficiency, sustainability and resilience; labor and employment, civil rights and EEOC; aviation safety and economic regulation (including airline mergers, acquisitions and slot transactions); aviation consumer protection.

Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

Washington, DC

January 2012-April 2014

(Presidential appointee)

Senior legal and policy advisor for the agency, overseeing a staff of approximately 300 individuals across the country. Managed FAA's Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition; Employment and Labor Law Division; International Law, Legislation and Regulations Division; Enforcement Division; Litigation and General Law Division; Acquisition and Fiscal Law Division; and Airports and Environmental Law Division.

Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

Washington, DC

April 2009-January 2012

(Presidential appointee)

Principal advisor to Secretary LaHood on energy, climate and environmental matters and other priority projects assigned by the Secretary. Worked with intra-agency and interagency teams to develop and implement Presidential and DOT priorities and engage with members of Congress and the media to advance the Administration's priorities. Served as Senior Sustainability Officer responsible for coordination and integration of DOT's energy efficiency and sustainability goals and requirements with other DOT priorities.

Sidley Austin LLP

Partner

Environmental Group

Washington, DC

June 1998-March 2009

Associate

October 1990-May 1998

Practice included civil and criminal litigation, compliance counseling and regulatory advocacy, with an emphasis on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, energy and sustainability, spill reporting, and hazardous materials transportation enforcement and compliance matters. Assisted clients in conducting internal investigations and responding to government investigations (ranging from administrative information requests to criminal subpoenas). Regularly defended clients in complex environmental litigation matters (including citizen suits) brought under an array of federal environmental statutes. Worked extensively with experts on the development and presentation of scientific and technical issues and providing crisis management advice to clients and their in-house public relations departments.

Service to the Firm:

- Member, Committee on Assignment and Compensation of Associates, 2006-2009
- Member, Committee on Recruitment and Promotion of Women, 2002-2009
- Chair/Co-Chair, Summer Associate Committee, 2000-2006

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D.)
- University of Illinois (B.A., *summa cum laude*, Bronze Tablet (top 3% of graduating class), Martha Belle Barrett Prize for Outstanding Senior Thesis in History, Phi Beta Kappa)

Admissions and Certifications

- U.S. Supreme Court, 2006
- Various U.S. Courts of Appeal
- State of Washington, 2018
- District of Columbia, 1992
- Illinois, 1990 (inactive)

Awards and Recognitions

- Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient, MacMurray College Commencement 2017
- Burton Award for Public Service in Government (May 2016) (for demonstrating the highest level of professionalism and integrity in government)

- Partnering for Excellence Award granted by Secretary Foxx (2015) (for innovative and creative initiatives to assure the safety of the American people during the movement and destruction of Ebola-contaminated items)
- Secretary's Team Award granted by Secretary Foxx (2015) (for successfully completing the U.S.-Mexico Long-Haul Cross-Border Trucking Program and fulfilling the U.S. commitment under NAFTA)
- Transportation Safety Award granted by Secretary Foxx (2013) (New York and New Jersey Port Authority Enforcement Team – FAA)
- Outstanding Achievement Gold Medal Award granted by Secretary LaHood (2011) (for contributing to DOT's emergency and natural disaster response efforts) (highest recognition awarded by DOT Secretary)

Current Professional Activities and Community Service

- Member, Board of Trustees, MacMurray College (Jacksonville, Illinois), 2004-2013 and June 2017-present
 - Member of the Executive Committee, 2019-present
 - Chair, Institutional Advancement Committee, 2018-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Environmental Law Institute, 2017-present
 - Chair, Research, Education and Programs Committee

Appendix
Representative Work at the U.S. Department of Transportation

Special Advisor to the Secretary for WMATA Safety Oversight (May 2016-August 2016)

- Supported the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) effective safety oversight over Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) with respect to Metrorail. Duties included liaising with WMATA as part of FTA's WMATA oversight team (including ensuring compliance with FTA safety directives); providing strategic advice to the Secretary and the FTA Administrator on measures to strengthen safety on the WMATA Metrorail system; engaging with the White House, Congress, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland on WMATA safety issues (including legislation); and advising the Secretary and the FTA Administrator on efforts to create a new State Safety Oversight Agency for the WMATA system.

General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation (May 2013-May 2016)

- Development of and advocacy for DOT's surface transportation and FAA reauthorization legislative efforts.
- Legal counseling and strategic advice regarding the negotiation and expansion of international transportation agreements (including aviation negotiations between the U.S. and Cuba and expanded access to Haneda Airport in Japan).
- Development and implementation of the legal, policy and political strategy for enhancing the safe shipment of energy products by rail (including the high hazard flammable train rulemaking), including efforts to harmonize standards with Canada.
- Coordinated across departments and agencies to advance the integration of drones into the National Air Space System.
- Advice regarding the Department's statutory and regulatory authorities to manage the 2014 Ebola crisis in the U.S. and abroad and participated in interagency efforts to control and respond to the outbreak.
- Negotiation of an agreement with American Airlines and U.S. Airways to maintain service to medium, small and non-hub airports from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport post-merger.
- Advice and external advocacy to the White House and members of Congress regarding the development and implementation of autonomous vehicle, vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technologies and initiatives.
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive legal, policy and political strategy for normalizing cross-border, long-haul trucking between the U.S. and Mexico to ensure U.S. compliance with the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- Legal and policy advice to DOT and participation in interagency group charged with responding to U.S. airlines allegations of unfair subsidization of Middle East air carriers.
- Legal and policy advice on development and implementation of discretionary grant programs (*e.g.*, TIGER, Smart Cities) to ensure alignment with Presidential and Secretarial priorities.
- Coordination with the Department of Justice on antitrust issues involving aviation interests, including mergers and acquisitions, slot transactions and airport access issues.
- Advice regarding major vehicle defect investigations and recalls, including Takata airbags and General Motors' ignition switch defects.
- Oversight of aviation industry compliance with DOT's consumer aviation protection issues and engagement with Congress on issues of interest to members.
- Managing congressional oversight and inquiries for all of the Department's modes of transportation.
- Member of DOT Credit Council that reviewed and provided oversight of DOT loan programs.

Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (January 2012-April 2014)

- Legal and policy advice regarding the carriage of lithium ion batteries as cargo on commercial aircraft, including engaging with members of Congress and the International Civil Aviation Organization on appropriate standards, including White House and interagency coordination.
- Settlement of the largest air carrier safety enforcement matter in FAA history, resulting in nearly \$25 million in civil penalties and more than \$50 million in corrective measures to assure future compliance.
- Settlement of the most significant airport safety enforcement matter in FAA history, resulting in the largest fine ever paid by airport operator and corrective actions to ensure ongoing compliance with FAA's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Requirements at four airports.
- Successful negotiation and implementation of a critical runway safety project that had been delayed for more than a decade by legal disputes between multiple parties.
- Legal and strategic advice regarding the Boeing 787 (Dreamliner) lithium ion battery matter, including the development of airworthiness directives to improve the safety of the aircraft.
- Coordination and development of FAA's approach to managing privacy issues and other legal issues arising in connection with the integration of drones into the National Air Space System, including interagency, congressional and stakeholder outreach and engagement.

Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation (April 2009-January 2012)

- Led the DOT team on the development of historic joint fuel economy/greenhouse gas emission standards for light duty cars and trucks (model years 2012-2025) and commercial trucks (model years 2014-2018). This involved extensive engagement with various White House offices, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Congress, the State of California, environmental advocacy groups, safety advocacy groups, labor, consumer advocacy groups, and domestic and global manufacturers to successfully promulgate the standards and dismiss litigation.
- Representation of DOT in interagency working group that developed the Social Cost of Carbon for use federal rulemakings, policies and initiatives.
- Coordination with White House and other federal agencies on development and implementation of energy policy (including the development of President Obama's Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future (March 2011)).
- Served as first Senior Sustainability Officer for DOT.
- Led the DOT team that participated in COP 15 to present the Department's domestic and international efforts to address climate change in the transportation sector.
- Negotiation, development and implementation of a new, long-haul, cross-border trucking program with Mexico in collaboration with the White House National Security team and interagency stakeholders.
- Development and implementation of U.S. government (and DOT) strategy for responding to European Union Emissions Trading Scheme as applied to international aviation, including representation of the Administration's interests in meetings with representatives from the European Union and at the International Civil Aviation Organization.
- Coordination and implementation of DOT's Distracted Driving Initiative, including outreach to the White House and other federal agencies.
- Representation of DOT in the development of President Obama's Space Policy.
- Representation of DOT on numerous interagency task forces and work groups (*e.g.*, National Ocean Council, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, Arctic Council, and America's Great Outdoors Initiative).