

Transportation and Logistics

Overview

Schiff Hardin represents participants throughout the transportation industry, from car manufacturers to bus, trucking and storage companies, railroads and their suppliers, manufacturers of aircraft and automotive component parts, and high-tech enterprises related to the aerospace industry.

Our clients also include a broad range of companies doing business with the industry, including financial institutions, energy companies, heavy equipment manufacturers, and lenders, lessors and lessees.

We provide an array of services for our clients, from managing contracts between school bus industry clients and various governmental entities to preparing transportation contracts for warehousing and energy clients. We have represented aircraft component parts manufacturers in financial transactions, defended a major U.S. airline in nationwide class action lawsuits, and successfully tried to judgment an aircraft-crash case against the federal government.

Our services also include legal counsel in regard to:

- Railcar acquisitions and leasing, including applicable tax analysis
- Railroad operating and service agreements
- Aircraft financing and leasing
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) maintenance regulation
- Class-action litigation defense
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Labor and employment counseling and litigation
- Employee benefits and executive compensation plans and compliance
- Trademarks and copyrights
- Patents
- Land use and rights-of-way
- Real estate transactions
- Change-in-control arbitrations
- Initial public offerings and other offerings of debt and equity
- Securities compliance
- Facilities construction
- Transportation contracts for coal
- Environmental compliance, permitting and litigation
- Antitrust counseling and litigation for automotive manufacturers and suppliers
- State and local tax counseling and litigation for automotive manufacturers

Automotive

- Represented both manufacturers and their suppliers, both as plaintiffs and defendants, in different antitrust class actions

Aviation

- Obtained summary judgment for a major U.S. airline in three high-stakes, nationwide class action lawsuits alleging millions of dollars in damages based on changes to frequent-flyer program benefits

Bus, Trucking and Ambulance

- A \$1.2 billion tender offer for American Medical Response, Inc., and \$400 million tender offer for Dallas-based EmCare Holdings,
- Represented the owners of Arens Controls Company, L.L.C., a leader in the production of control system solutions for industrial vehicles, in the sale of 100% of the membership interests in Arens for \$98 million in cash to Curtis Wright Corporation

Rail

- Represented debt participants holding approximately \$600 million in equipment trust certificates under 14 separate leveraged lease transactions and one single investor lease transaction in connection with the sale and assignment of the lease portfolio of a U.S.

Facilities Construction

Represented a private equity family portfolio company that manufactures and distributes heavy-duty trucks in many distribution centers across the United States in connection with the sale of the company for \$250 million to a private equity firm.

Industrial Equipment

Represented a private equity family portfolio company that manufactures cabs and attachments for heavy-duty tractors in many distribution centers across the United States in connection with the sale of the company for \$250 million to a private equity firm.

AWARDS & HONORS

- BTI “Innovation Builder”

We were singled out by corporate counsel as one of only 28 percent of law firms clients view as a BTI “Innovation Builder,” which recognizes firms that bring change to the legal market through new technology, services, strategies, or structures.