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PRACTICES

- Public Transit
- Government Contracts
- Labor and Employment

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1979
- Johns Hopkins University, B.A. International Relations, 1976

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2001-Present Diversity Committee, Co-chair; Client Relations Committee, Member; Management Committee
- Eckert Seamans Partner, 1989-2001 Associate, 1986-1988
- American Political Science Association's Congressional Fellowship Program Legislative Assistant to U.S. Representative Norman Y. Mineta, 1985-1986 Legislative Fellow to U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, 1984-1985
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration Attorney/Advisor, 1980-1984
- U.S. Department of Transportation Honors Attorney, 1979-1980

Over the past 30 years, Tony has been a legal advisor to many of the nation's largest transit systems.

He serves as an important resource to public transit agencies, providing guidance related to public-private partnership (P3) project development, proposal review, bid protests, contract negotiations, Section 13(c) issues, transportation financing, and contract disputes. In addition, Tony helps his clients understand and meet the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Tony works closely with his clients—both from a legal and practical perspective—to solve a variety of challenges unique to the transit sector. Given his experience within transit systems, Tony's advice is always mindful of the impact the resolution may have on all stakeholders involved. For example, he helped a longtime client develop a training and compliance plan that resulted in a nearly 80 percent reduction in a hazmat-related fine. Tony also regularly assists with the procurement of transit equipment as well as service contracts. For public transit agencies, he has managed the restructuring of third-party contracts for fixed route systems to reflect an increased ability to manage and direct transit services in-house.

Tony began his career at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). There, he was involved in the implementation and enforcement of the Title VI program under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. He also served as staff attorney for the reauthorization of the federal transit program. This experience laid the groundwork for him to fully understand the needs of his clients and successfully guide them to compliance.

Industries

- Public Sector Employment, Benefits and Pensions
- Public Transit
- Transportation

COMMUNITY

- Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders (SMYAL), Board Member, 2013-present, Governance Chair, 2013-2018

Affiliations

- Johns Hopkins University Board of Trustees, Vice Chair, Chair, Audits & Institutional Risk Management Committee
- American Public Transportation Association, Immediate Past Chair, Legal Affairs Committee, Member, Federal Procedures and Regulations Subcommittee