

Automotive Regulatory

Hogan Lovells handles the most complex and strategically important regulatory issues for the world's leading automakers and suppliers before the full range of federal and state automotive regulators. Our work covers the broad range of regulatory issues faced by automotive and mobility solution providers including: safety, emissions, international trade, communications, privacy, cybersecurity, and distribution issues. We are at the forefront of the federal legislative matters that impact the automotive industry, combining our in-depth knowledge of the automotive industry with an understanding of the way the government operates.

Our automotive regulatory team has represented the world's leading automotive companies in nearly all of the most consequential safety and emissions crises to face the industry over the last twenty years, including: SUV rollover investigations, sudden acceleration defects, fuel economy mislabeling investigations and enforcement, the Takata Airbag recalls, inadvertent airbag deployment investigations, "Dieselgate," and numerous high-stakes regulatory and compliance issues in between.

Our regulatory team has also represented the world's leading automakers and suppliers in every major rulemaking that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has undertaken for the industry over the last two decades, including: TREAD Act implementation, Corporate Average Fuel Economy

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Regulation, heavy- and light-duty Greenhouse Gas Rulemakings, and the Tier II and Tier III criteria regulations, for example. We have also been involved in every automotive-related legislative initiative, from the inception of the U.S. federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act to the current discussions governing privacy issues.

Our regulatory and legislative practices have traditionally focused on federal regulation, but increasingly we also address, state, local, and municipal laws and regulations governing autonomous vehicles operations, ride and car sharing, as well as other new mobility solutions partially regulated at a local level.

Representative experience

Assisting automakers in responding to NHTSA information requests and investigations on dozens of motor vehicle safety defect and compliance issues.

Representing vehicle and engine makers before EPA and California Air Resources Board regarding certification and compliance with emissions and fuel economy standards, and on development of related regulations.

Advising leading automakers and suppliers on implementing smart-mobility business plans (including car-sharing, ride-sharing, and autonomous solutions) and related compliance with state and local regulations.

Advising leading automakers and suppliers on implementation and development of Federal regulations and guidance for autonomous vehicles.

Representing several automobile manufacturers involved in the Takata airbag safety crisis, filing required reports, providing regulatory counsel, consulting with NHTSA officials, and negotiating recall parameters.

Investigating and negotiating settlement of the largest EPA automotive emissions compliance enforcement investigation in the history of the Clean Air Act related to fuel economy labeling.

Advising major automotive manufacturers and suppliers in U.S. regulatory investigations and rulemakings by the U.S. EPA and NHTSA, including GHG and CAFE regulations for light and heavy duty vehicles and engines.

Advising leading automakers on EPA and CARB emissions-related certification and reporting obligations, including auditing client practices and recommending compliance improvements.

Latest thinking and events

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FMCSA issues supplemental advance notice of proposed U.S. rulemaking for ADS-Equipped CMVs

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Self-driving vehicles by 2025? The UK Government's vision for connected and automated mobility

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Automotive Finance webinar and client roundtable

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NHTSA issues updated cybersecurity best practices for the safety of modern vehicles