

Space and Satellite

Hogan Lovells is a cutting-edge, end-to-end strategic legal practice for satellite system operators, investors, manufacturers, or other transaction parties. We work with those involved in “traditional” space, NewSpace, and government procurements, around the world.

We help companies take their satellite systems from drawing board to implementation, and safely navigate the multilayered risks and issues they will face. We understand the technology, business, and regulatory issues ahead of you, and know the strategies necessary to achieve real world success.

Our lawyers have unique space-specific knowledge and experience. They have worked in-house, as general counsel, and as “outside general counsel” for top-tier commercial, government, and private equity/venture capital clients. We have been pioneers alongside our entrepreneurial clients for their most innovative industry developments. Acting as an integrated part of your team, we work to understand what you need and the challenges you face to structure the best transaction for you.

We successfully navigate the challenges that high-profile and NewSpace industry participants face, wherever they are located. We have a robust inventory of winning resolutions, unparalleled complex deal experience, a cohesive global team approach, and deep industry experience.

Key contacts

Randy S. Segal,
Northern Virginia

Steven M. Kaufman,
Washington, D.C.

Alexis Sáinz,
Washington, D.C.

George V. John,
Washington, D.C.

Trending Topics

[How to prevail when technology fails](#)

[The Litigation Landscape](#)

[Creative Teaming Arrangements to Jump-start Early Stage...](#)

[Satellite Systems Procurement](#)

A brief how-to guide.

Areas of focus

Spectrum

Related practices

Our unique combination of legal, business, and technical experience offers tremendous benefits to our clients. Our lawyers appreciate the business goals, motivations, and strategies of our clients and understand the business and technical requirements for achieving a successful outcome. We are problem solvers and deal closers.

Representative experience

Advising Airbus in connection with the formation of a complex, strategic joint venture with OneWeb for a 900 satellite constellation.

The Government of Mexico in its most significant telecommunications and satellite investment 3 satellite MSS and FSS end-to-end procurement.

Visiona Tecnologia Espacial S.A., a Brazilian satellite joint venture of Telebras and Embraer, for procurement of satellite and launch services.

BRI Bank Rakyat Indonesia in their first procurement of a satellite and launch services.

Columbia Capital in a broad array of U.S. and global satellite investment and portfolio company deployments.

S-band satellite provider Omnispace in its global commercial and strategic agreements, as well as regulatory matters.

Gogo in connection with satellite service agreements involving satellite operators, aircraft manufacturers, and airline operators.

Advising global launch services clients, both as launch providers and purchasers of launch services.

Advising the lending syndicate for the Kacific satellite project, a broadband hosted payload system deployed in multiple jurisdictions in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Aviation

Restructuring and Special Situations

Capital Markets

Commercial

Communications, Internet, and Media

Financial Services

Government Contracts

Intellectual Property

International Trade and Investment

Joint Ventures

Litigation Services

Mergers and Acquisitions

Patents

Data, Privacy and Cybersecurity

Private Equity

Public Procurement

Trade Secrets and Confidential Know-how

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Related sectors

Aerospace and Defense

Technology

Advising Orbital ATK in its negotiated US\$9.2bn merger with Northrop Grumman.

Advising on multiple L-band and S-band geostationary and non-geostationary projects, as well as related coordination matters.

Represented Orbital ATK in a US\$385m jury trial over a joint venture to market their mission extension vehicle, meant to extend the lives of geostationary satellites.

Represented the unsecured creditors committee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Speedcast International, the world's largest enterprise satellite network provider.

Representing ABL Space, a SmallSat launch vehicle developer, in broad range of commercial venture investments and corporate financing matters.

Representing Advance Communications on various investments in the space and satellite industry.

Advising the Thirty Meter Telescope project, a joint venture of multiple government (Japan, China, India) space agencies and U.S. universities.

Advised the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries with respect to Space Norway's funding in connection with a multiple payload satellite system procurement.

Advising Aireon on various debt and equity financings, as well as in commercial arrangements involving investments by global governmental aviation regulatory bodies.

Awards and rankings

- Band 1 for Telecommunications, Broadcast, and Satellite, *Chambers USA*, 2024
- Ranked Tier 1 for Telecoms and Broadcast: Transactional, *Legal 500 US*, 2023
- Ranked Band 1 for Commercial Contracts, *Chambers Europe*, 2023
- Ranked Band 2 for Telecommunications, Broadcast, and Satellite, *Chambers USA*, 2023

- Ranked Band 2 for Projects: Agency Financing, with two practitioners Ranked Band 1, *Chambers USA*, 2022
- Practice Group of the Year for Telecommunications, *Law360*, 2022
- Most Innovative Firm in North America, *Financial Times*, 2022
- Telecoms Deal of the Year, *IJGlobal Asia Pacific*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

News

Hosted satellite payload procurement: A brief how-to guide

Hogan Lovells Events

Legal and Regulatory Considerations for the Use of Nuclear Power in Space

News

Innovations in Space: Nuclear and fusion power for deep space exploration

News

Space Sector Update: Next steps for modernising regulation of On-Orbit Servicing in the UK

News

Doing Business in the United States 2025

Press releases

Hogan Lovells advises National Space Company on the acquisition of UP42 Satellite Geospatial Data Company from Airbus