

THOMAS NEWTON BOLLING, Partner

Mr. Bolling is co-chair of the firm's Aviation, Aerospace & Transportation Practice. With more than 20 years of experience as a lawyer in the industry, he has experience representing major airlines in a wide range of matters, including regulatory, antitrust, litigation, government affairs and environmental, health and safety matters, investigations and proceedings. He provides strategic and pragmatic solutions to also help clients in related industries mitigate risks and achieve their business objectives. His clients include major air carriers, aerospace and defense companies, as well as aircraft, engine and component manufacturers, among others. Mr. Bolling is a member of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Before joining the firm in 2017, Mr. Bolling was vice president and deputy general counsel of United Airlines, the world's third largest airline, where he was responsible for legal functions including regulatory, antitrust and competition, litigation, government affairs, environmental, health and safety, intellectual property, alliances and international. Mr. Bolling represented United in safety, security and other investigations. He was also responsible for operations and administration of United's law department. Mr. Bolling was the lead executive sponsor for multicultural diversity and inclusion at United and served on the executive council for diversity and inclusion.

From October 2015 until April 2016 Mr. Bolling served as acting general counsel of United, where he was responsible for the law and ethics and compliance departments and business functions including security, real estate, regulatory affairs, state and local affairs and congressional and legislative affairs.

Mr. Bolling previously worked as the managing in-house counsel at Continental Airlines, where he was responsible for regulatory and environmental matters and advised Continental's executive committee for ethics and compliance. He also represented Continental in safety matters including investigations of accidents and incidents. Prior to Continental, Mr. Bolling represented U.S. and foreign airlines, airports, aerospace manufacturers, business aviation operators and aviation industry trade associations at two law firms in Washington, D.C. Before entering the aviation industry, Mr. Bolling was one of the founders and owners of an early startup company in imaging and OCR technology that was acquired by an outside investor.

Awards

- Association of Corporate Counsel and ILO
Global Counsel Awards, Regulatory Non-Financial Services Individual of the Year, 2008
Regulatory Non-Financial Services Team of the Year, 2015
- *Legal 500*
Transport: Aviation and Air Travel – Regulation, 2018



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PRACTICE GROUPS
Aviation and Aerospace

EDUCATION
Washington University, J.D., 1996
Georgetown University Law Center, 1996
Columbia College, Columbia University, B.A., 1987

ADMISSIONS
District of Columbia

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association, Transportation Committee, Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
Former chair
- American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space Law
Governing Committee (two terms)
- American Bar Foundation
Life Fellow

Industry

- US Delegations to Bilateral Air Service Agreement Negotiations
Air carrier representative

Education

- DePaul University International Aviation Law Institute
Advisory Board

Community

- Lookingglass Theatre Company
Board of Directors