

Tim Goodman

Tim Goodman is a member of the Babst Calland Washington, D.C. office and a shareholder in the Transportation Safety Group. Mr. Goodman brings a wealth of experience in transportation, litigation and regulatory matters of national significance. Mr. Goodman provides companies (including manufacturers, suppliers, commerce and technology companies) with strategic leadership and advice to promote safety, innovation, better oversight, efficiencies, and cost-savings. His expertise includes working with clients in high-profile motor vehicle safety and related regulatory issues, including standards enforcement, defects investigations, recall implementation, automated and autonomous vehicles, best practices and emerging trends. Mr. Goodman also helps companies across a broad spectrum of transportation modes create proactive risk management, compliance and integrity programs, including internal compliance assessments.

Mr. Goodman brings to clients a current and detailed understanding of the federal government's approach to transportation safety regulation (particularly motor vehicles), including its programs and personnel. Mr. Goodman spent nearly 10 years at the US Department of Transportation (DOT), where he served in various roles, including at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and in the Office of the Secretary, Office of the General Counsel. As NHTSA's Assistant Chief Counsel for Litigation and Enforcement, Mr. Goodman was the chief legal officer for litigation and enforcement matters of a 600+ employee federal agency. At other points in his DOT career, Mr. Goodman served as a senior trial attorney in the Office of the Secretary, Office of the General Counsel and as a senior trial attorney for NHTSA's Litigation and Enforcement Division. Mr. Goodman led numerous high-profile enforcement actions, landmark consent orders, litigations (including matters before the U.S. Supreme Court and D.C. Circuit), rulemakings and special projects to successful resolution. He collaboratively led some of the largest civil enforcement actions and recalls in the history of NHTSA - including the largest and most complex safety recall in U.S. history - involving nearly 70 million airbag inflators and tens of millions of vehicles subject to recall by 2019. Mr. Goodman also led teams in matters throughout DOT and across multiple transportation modes, including pipeline safety, hazardous materials, urban transit, motor carrier, aviation economic regulatory, and maritime matters.

Mr. Goodman earned a J.D., with honor, from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. He also earned a Certificate of Completion from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education, in the Strategic Management of Regulatory & Enforcement Agencies Program.