Renowned for “substantial expertise in all aviation regulatory matters,” “experienced, expert lawyers,” “high-quality advice,” “expediency and great business instincts,” Pillsbury was ranked “Tier 1” by *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global* 2016 for Aviation.

Comprising lawyers with extensive government experience and decades of industry practice, Pillsbury’s Aviation, Aerospace & Transportation – Regulatory team advises on complex regulatory and enforcement matters and represents clients before government agencies including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Transportation Security Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Communications Commission and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. We routinely advise airlines, airports, aerospace manufacturers, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) manufacturers and operators and travel distributors worldwide on aviation-related regulatory matters and represent them in litigation. Our practice also covers certification, administrative adjudication, rulemakings, legislation, enforcement, antitrust, environmental, export and other licensing, customs, airline safety and accident investigations and public policy advocacy.

Our team includes highly experienced former senior officials in the U.S. government, which gives us keen insight into the regulatory framework impacting the aviation and aerospace industry. Our aviation practice is renowned for our work in advising on and assists large domestic and foreign clients including airlines, aerospace manufacturers and travel distributors regarding all aviation regulatory matters.

Linked by advanced communications technology, aviation lawyers throughout our firm work closely with team members in our DC-area offices to create synergies on all aviation law matters, enhance efficiencies
and speed access to federal regulatory agencies and Capitol Hill.

Our regulatory work includes all aspects of:

- Regulatory and Compliance
- Airline Ownership and Restructuring
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Travel Distribution
- City and Airport Representation
- Obstruction Evaluation
- Antitrust
- Aviation Security
- Aerospace Manufacturers and Repair Stations
- Environmental

**REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Representing and counseling Asian, Latin American and European airlines in code-sharing, bilateral, safety oversight and commercial and antitrust issues related to strategic alliances involving United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and American Airlines.

Representing Chinese-foreign joint venture carriers before the U.S. Department of Transportation, FAA, CBP and TSA in obtaining all approvals to operate to the U.S.

Representing GE Commercial Aviation Services regarding regulatory, enforcement, and acquisition matters, including airport, aircraft and corporate transactions.

- Representing Delta in litigation and regulatory matters, including in its ongoing dispute with the City of Dallas regarding limited gate space at Dallas Love Field, and representation in DOT route allocation proceedings.
- Serving as principal outside counsel to Japanese battery manufacturer GS Yuasa in Boeing 787 Dreamliner battery incident investigations and audits, including interfacing with U.S. and Japanese safety authorities.
- Assisted International Airlines Group with U.S. Department of Transportation aspects of its Aer
Lingus acquisition and in applying for antitrust immunity grant. Transaction valued at €1.5 billion.

- Representing the Flight Safety Foundation in a variety of areas, including on governance, international affairs, contracts, intellectual property, tax and corporate matters.

- Obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Virgin America to begin air service as a U.S. domestic carrier, handling successful oral argument in the DC Circuit.

- Testified before Congress to support the repeal of HDR restrictions, on airline/airport competition matters, and on antitrust matters for clients.

- Won successive favorable rulings in three different federal courts for the airport authority.

- Obtained unanimous opinion in NRDC v. FAA, holding that decision to close one airport and approve construction on another was not “arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law.”

- Represented the City of Chicago, which owns and operates Chicago O’Hare International Airport and Chicago Midway International Airport, on various regulatory and enforcement matters before the FAA, DOT and TSA.

PRACTICE AREA HIGHLIGHTS
Pillsbury’s Aviation, Aerospace & Transportation practice, ranked “Tier 1” in 2016 Chambers USA and Chambers Global, which noted our “substantial expertise,” “expediency,” “great business instincts” and “high-quality advice.”

Chambers USA also noted that our team is a “very well-connected, very effective and client-focused” and “always very responsive and succinct.”

Partner Charles Donley is recognized by Chambers USA for his work representing foreign and domestic carriers and aviation service providers and for “experience in … licensing, international route authority issues and code share agreements.”