

# PRACTICE AREA Railroad

Whether the matter involves direct claims against or by a railroad arising from railroad operations, claims against or by railroad contractors who support the railroad transportation industry, or rail-related business ventures wherein our railroad clients are looking to expand or sell railroad property or assets, you can depend on us.

The Railroad Practice Group attorneys at Wallace Saunders collectively have over three-quarters of a century of experience representing the largest railroads in the western United States (Class 1 carriers), as well as smaller Short Line and Regional Railroads (Class 2 and Class 3 carriers). Our attorneys have represented railroads in multiple aspects of railroad-related litigation, including Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) claims, grade crossing accidents, Federal Railroad Safety Act (FRSA) or "whistleblower" actions, employment discrimination and other employment-related claims, and property damage matters.

In addition to representing railroads themselves, our attorneys have represented various kinds of railroad contractors who support railroad operations, including railroad crew hauling companies, railroad maintenance-of-way and asset construction companies, and other types of railroad-support contractors.

Beyond railroad-related litigation, our railroad industry attorneys have significant experience assisting our railroad clients in their business ventures, such as railroad-related mergers and acquisitions, the leasing of railroad property to third parties, grade crossing closures, and similar transactional matters.

Moreover, the railroad attorneys have a comprehensive knowledge of the regulations promulgated under FRSA that govern modern railroad operations, which means that we are more than capable of dealing with the numerous legal issues that arise from those regulations, both in the initial investigation and in any resulting litigation, including the preemptive effect those regulations can have on certain claims.

With Wallace Saunders, whether you are a railroad or railroad contractor, you get the knowledgeable, skillful, and industry-experienced representation you need to get and keep your railroad operation or business back on track.

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