



Brigham A. McCown

Managing Director

Brigham A. McCown has more than 25 years of executive management, legal and operational experience at the local, national and international levels of government. Currently dividing his time between Washington and Dallas, he primarily advises private sector clients in matters pertaining to federal safety regulations, government enforcement of regulated industries and risk mitigation, including areas relating to crisis response and complex private sector litigation.

From 2003 to 2007, McCown served as a member of the United States Senior Executive Service at the U.S. Department of Transportation during both terms of George W. Bush's presidency. Appointed by Transportation Secretary, Norman Y. Mineta (D-CA), McCown helped shape the nation's laws, regulations and policies pertaining to transportation safety and security for the surface, maritime, pipeline, rail and aviation industries.

McCown was named as the first acting administrator and interim CEO of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). While in this position, McCown was in charge of the federal government's oversight of more than one million daily shipments of hazardous materials by all modes of transportation, including pipeline.

It was also during his time with PHMSA that McCown was given the task of coordinating the federal government's response to the largest oil spill on Alaska's North Slope. He also helped oversee the restoration process of the Gulf Coast's energy infrastructure following Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. He helped author the PIPES Act of 2006 which improved safety and increased government oversight of the pipeline industry while also providing additional operational flexibility to pipeline operators.

Prior to his time with PHMSA, McCown served as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's first chief legal officer. While managing a staff of 55 attorneys, legislative affairs specialists and support staff, McCown was responsible for ensuring implementation of the nation's laws and regulations for the motor carrier, motor coach and moving industries.

He has worked for several international and national law firms and has experience in defending clients through all phases of administrative, trial and appellate proceedings. His expertise include: federal multi-district and mass tort litigation, administrative law and complex product liability cases.

McCown accumulated over twenty six years of active and reserve duty as a naval officer and naval aviator prior to retiring in 2013. He also holds an honorary commission of Rear Admiral (LH) in the U.S. Maritime Administration.

He is currently a contributor to Forbes and National Journal on matters pertaining to transportation and energy. McCown graduated from Miami University in 1988 with a degree in diplomacy and foreign affairs. He later went on to receive his law degree from Northern Kentucky University in 1997.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1997 – Present

ATTORNEY & ADVISOR

*Managing Director; UTA, LLC.,
Shareholder, Winstead PC
Counsel, Hunton & Williams LLP*

2009 – 2011

COMMISSIONER

*City of Southlake, TX
Planning & Zoning Commission*

2003 – 2007

ADMINISTRATOR / CEO DEPUT ADMIN. / COO Pipeline & Hazardous

*Materials Safety
Administration (PHMSA),
U.S. Dept. of Transportation*

CHIEF COUNSEL / GENERAL COUNSEL

*Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration (FMCSA),
U.S. Dept. of Transportation*

1998 – 2013 (Reserve)

1988 – 1998 (Active)

NAVAL OFFICER & NAVAL AVIATOR

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