



## Stephen A. Hench

**Associate (admitted only in District of Columbia and Pennsylvania)**

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Steve Hench's practice focuses on the aviation and aerospace industries, including the defense of commercial airlines, parts manufacturers, and maintenance facilities in cases involving wrongful death, personal injury, and property damage claims. He has extensive prior experience in the transportation sector, including litigation and regulatory enforcement work at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Steve's background in mass tort defense strengthens his ability to help clients respond to complex, multi-claim litigation involving aviation and product-related matters.

## Honors & Awards

- Professional
  - DOT Lawrence R. Schneider Award, 2024
  - Gears of Government President's Award, 2019
- Academic
  - The University of Iowa College of Law
    - *Iowa Law Review*, Editorial Board, Note & Comment Editor

## Personal

Steve lives in the western suburbs of Chicago with his wife, daughter, and their two cats. He is an avid runner and enjoys jazz piano.

## Industries

Aviation & Aerospace

## Education

J.D. *with distinction*, The University of Iowa College of Law, 2013

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Economics and History, Vanderbilt University, 2010

## Admissions

District of Columbia

Pennsylvania

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