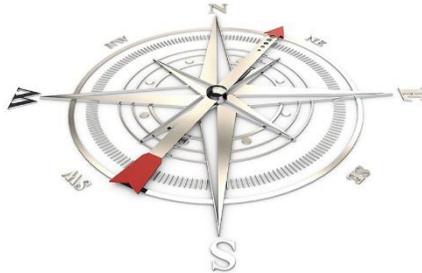


## Railroads

# Defending Class I & Short Line railroads across the country



### When you need help

- prosecuting or defending complex personal injury or commercial litigation
- investigating and responding to incidents when they occur
- coordinating litigation on a national level across systems
- defending litigation filed by specific lawyers across client systems

our team is here for you.

### Defending Class I and Short Line railroads, ranging from investigations to high-profile, nationally reported incidents through trial, including allegations of

- Trespasser litigation
- Grade-crossing accidents
- Derailment litigation
- Toxic exposure claims resulting from derailments, accidents, or employee exposure
- Brain injury claims arising from railroad incidents
- Medical monitoring claims arising from railroad incidents or employee exposure
- FELA liability claims
- Sidetrack agreement litigation
- RICO and fraud investigations
- Employment litigation, including discrimination and harassment claims
- Vendor-related litigation
- Class actions and mass tort claims arising from railroad incidents and operations
- Collection matters
- Incidents involving contractor transport groups
- Railroad police enforcement actions

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## Nelson Mullins knows railroading

Our lawyers have deep knowledge and experience with railroad operations, including transportation, engineering, mechanical, and signal systems. We know how railroads work and are organized. We know the regulatory schemes you are facing and how to deal with them. There is no substitute for understanding the nuances of railroad operations.

## Our lawyers are problem solvers focused on your objectives in litigation

- **Crisis management** – from on-site assistance to managing investigation by governmental agencies, our lawyers are adept at the initial work that needs to be done to minimize litigation risk
- **Litigation strategy** – with lawyers skilled at working with clients in executing the strategy that meets your goal in the litigation
- **Document-intensive litigation** – handling e-discovery issues relating to litigation holds, preservation obligations, document sweeps, and retention as an essential part of our litigation skill-set.
- **Retaining and opposing experts in technical fields** – extensive experience with experts in the field of railroad operations, railroad safety, railroad/highway safety design and equipment, as well as the medical fields associated with railroad injuries, including occupational injuries
- **Derailment and train/train accident investigations in complex accident investigations** – including experience with the NTSB, the FRA, and state and local environmental and emergency response agencies.
- **Mass tort actions and class actions** – handling some of the largest railroad mass tort and class action matters in the country.
- **Trial tested** – over 125 jury trials for railroads handled by our team in some of the most challenging venues in the country; if you determine that a trial is necessary, we will not hesitate to take your case to trial

## Why Nelson Mullins?

- Deep experience and knowledge of railroad operations
- Extensive experience in trial and appellate handling of virtually every kind of railroad litigation
- Track record of handling litigation to reduce exposure and cost
- Deep trial experience in some of the most dangerous venues in the country

## Experience

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Following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

- Served as lead trial counsel in over 125 trials for Class I railroads in some of the most dangerous venues in America
- Led a 10-year investigation over fraudulent asbestos claims filed against a firm railroad client, resulting in RICO and fraud claims being asserted against a prominent railroad plaintiffs' law firm and their expert witness pulmonologist, with a federal jury finding for our railroad client on all counts and awarding treble RICO damages
- Tried case to a defense verdict after a month-long trial, representing railroad client in severe traumatic brain injury claim arising from grade crossing accident
- Served as lead trial counsel in dozens of FELA cases involving occupational exposure
- Served as lead trial counsel in numerous trespasser cases involving deaths or major injuries with defense verdicts returned in each
- Served as lead trial counsel in numerous sidetrack agreement enforcement actions for class I railroads, with trial and appellate victories that enforced the agreements and required the sidetrack agreement signatories to reimburse the railroads for the cost associated with incidents that occurred at the sidetrack