Railroad

The history of railroads is woven into the fabric of our nation's history, and nowhere more so than in the Pacific Northwest. For almost 80 years, Cosgrave has helped weave that history. We represent national, regional, and local rail operators, as well as suppliers and contractors.

Railroads today face new challenges, ranging from volatility in demand and fuel costs to workforce issues and complex regulations. At the same time, there's been a resurgence in the growth of short-line railroads and multimodal transportation hubs. As history meets the future, Cosgrave provides the rail industry with the experience and vision needed to keep the rails rolling into the next century.

Our railroad practice group provides a full range of litigation services and legal advice, including:

- Appellate law
- Commercial contracts
- Environmental
- Employment
- Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA)
- Federal Rail Safety Act
- Franchises
- Grade crossing claims
- Insurance
- Labor
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Property damage
- Real estate
- Regulatory compliance
- Third-party recovery

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Moreover, the founder of the firm's railroad practice, Randall Kester (1916-2012), is a former Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and previously worked in the Legal Department at Union Pacific Railroad.

Representative Clients

- Albany & Eastern Railway Company
- BNSF Railway Company
- Longview Switching Company
- Portland Terminal Railroad Company
- RailAmerica