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Focus

- Transportation and Logistics
- Aviation and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Seasoned trial lawyer, counselor, and legal executive with decades of experience at the highest levels of government, industry, and private practice. Guides clients through complex disputes and regulatory challenges with practical judgment and proven insight.

Charlie Trippe has deep experience in civil litigation, transportation law, government practice, and alternative dispute resolution. He has decades of experience in complex civil litigation in courts throughout the Eastern United States. As former chief counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration and senior in-house attorney for one of the nation's largest freight railroads, he was responsible for high-risk and high-value litigation while gaining extensive experience with the transportation industry's legal and regulatory challenges. His approach blends seasoned litigation judgment with a practical understanding of transportation issues.

Charlie has also served as a counselor to senior government leadership. In addition to leading the FAA legal team and advising its senior leadership, he has served as general counsel to both former Florida Governor (now Senator) Rick Scott and former Florida Attorney General (now Senator) Ashley Moody. In those positions, he dealt with complex legal and policy issues affecting the citizens of Florida. This combination of complex litigation experience, transportation sector knowledge, and public service equips him to address client challenges from a unique perspective. He is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator and experienced arbitrator.

Whether counseling clients on regulatory and litigation risk, assisting with the resolution of complex litigation matters, or advising on transportation policy and regulatory issues, Charlie provides the practical counsel and steady judgment clients need to protect their businesses and achieve successful outcomes.

Insights

- "The Future of Aviation Policy Episode Two: Innovation at the FAA," The Federalist Society Podcast Series, December 9, 2025

- "The Future of Aviation Policy Episode One: Drones and Federalism," The Federalist Society Podcast Series, December 9, 2025

Media

- "GrayRobinson expands admiralty and maritime practice," *Jax Daily Record*, October 14, 2025
- "GrayRobinson promotes 13 attorneys and advisors in Florida, including shareholders and associates," *Brevard Business News Vo. 43 No. 38*, September 22, 2025
- "GrayRobinson law firm builds fleet with new maritime and transportation law hires," *Florida Politics*, September 16, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Adds 7-Maritime Atty Team From Closed Firm," *Law360*, September 15, 2025
- "GrayRobinson Lands 7-Attorney Maritime Law Team in Jacksonville," *Law.com*, September 15, 2025

Affiliations

- The American Arbitration Association
- The Federalist Society
- The Florida Bar
  - 4th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee B, 2003-2006
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator
- Judicial Nominating Commission, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, 2013-2016
- Army War College Foundation, Board of Trustees
- Rogers Behavioral Health, Board of Directors

Credentials

- J.D., Columbia Law School Accelerated Interdisciplinary Legal Education Program, 1979
- A.B., Columbia College, 1979, *cum laude*

Admissions

- Florida
- Massachusetts
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 11th Circuits
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit