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Partner, Abel Bean Law

Charlie Trippe has served as a litigation partner of a national law firm, as a senior in-house attorney for a Fortune 500 corporation, as the General Counsel to the Governor of Florida, and as Chief Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration. He has deep experience in Florida's legal community, including fifteen years of private practice in Jacksonville.

Charlie spent the first fifteen years of his career with national law firms, where he focused on business litigation in a wide variety of subject areas. Those included breach of contract cases; intellectual property, trade secret and unfair competition matters; antitrust and federal Automobile Dealers Day in Court litigation; lender liability and construction disputes; RICO, securities fraud and common law fraud cases; and product liability defense.

Between 1994 and 2001, Charlie was a senior in-house attorney, responsible for the management and oversight of high-risk and high-value litigation for one of the country's largest rail transportation companies.



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In 2001, Charlie returned to private practice in Jacksonville, where he represented clients in the transportation, chemical, consumer products, insurance, and several other industries. His transportation clients included companies in the automobile, trucking, aviation, and rail sectors.

In 2011 and 2012, Charlie served in the executive branch of Florida state government as the General Counsel to the Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott. There he was responsible for advising the Governor and his agency on a variety of complex and difficult legal issues. He also served as the chief ethics officer of the Governor's agency. He returned to private practice in 2012.

Between 2017 and 2019, Charlie returned to public service as Chief Counsel for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. There he served as legal advisor to the FAA Administrator and FAA leadership, and managed the legal and administrative staff of the FAA's Office of the Chief Counsel, under the guidance of the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Transportation. At the FAA, he oversaw a staff of approximately 180 attorneys, dealing with all aspects of the FAA's mission of aviation safety and its provision of air traffic control services, including unmanned aircraft systems, new air traffic control procedures and technologies, and commercial space launch and reentry.

In June 2019, Charlie again returned to private practice in Florida, this time with Abel Bean Law.

About Charles M. Trippe, Jr.

With over 40 years' experience, Charlie provides skilled counsel to clients regarding complex litigation in transportation, business, class action and product liability matters. With his great depth of experience, he is well-versed in advising clients on general corporate matters, government policy, and litigation strategies.

Areas of Focus

- Legal Management, and Counseling of Business and Government Leaders
- Transportation Law
- Business Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Product Liability Defense

Education

- Columbia College, A.B.
- Columbia Law School, J.D.

Career & Community Highlights

- Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration (2017 -2019)
- General Counsel, Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott (2011 - 2012)
- Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (2013 - 2016)
- Florida Bar Grievance Committee B (4th Judicial Circuit) (2003 - 2006, Chair 2005 - 2006)
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Auxiliary Legal Assistance Attorney (2006 - 2011, 2012-2017)
- President, Jacksonville Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society (2012 - 2016)