



Chris Brown

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Chris Brown joined NACA in March 2020 as Vice President of Government Affairs and Ultra Low-Cost Carrier (ULCC) Policy. In this capacity, Mr. Brown represents NACA's ULCC and other member carriers before Congress and executive branch agencies.

Prior to joining NACA, Mr. Brown served as Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs at the Federal Aviation Administration from 2007-2009 and from 2017-2019. In that role, he served as the principal adviser to the FAA Administrator and other key FAA executives on federal and international legislative and regulatory policy developments, including the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 2018, and as the agency's primary liaison to Congress, other executive branch agencies, and aviation industry stakeholders.

In addition to Mr. Brown's two tenures at the FAA, he held senior positions on the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives, including staff director and counsel on the Subcommittee on Aviation, and oversight counsel to the full committee, under the chairmanships of former Congressman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) and Congressman Don Young (R-Alaska).

In the private sector, Mr. Brown was Vice President, Legislative and Regulatory Policy at Airlines for America (A4A), where he helped develop policy priorities of A4A member airlines, and advocate for those policies before Congress and executive branch agencies, including the Departments of Transportation and Homeland Security, the FAA and the Transportation Security Administration. Most recently, he served as a government affairs and policy consultant to a major aviation trade association, and transportation software and drone services companies.

Mr. Brown began his legal and policy career as an associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C., where he represented airlines, airports and aviation manufacturers before Congress and the executive branch. During his tenure at Akin Gump, Mr. Brown staffed a member of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC), a bipartisan federal commission established by Congress to issue legislative recommendations on FAA finance reform and safety issues. He also staffed a member of the Future of Aviation Advisory Committee (FAAC), a federal advisory committee consisting of representatives of all segments of the U.S. aviation industry tasked by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to develop policy recommendations to ensure the economic viability and global competitiveness of the aviation industry, when he was senior counsel at the Washington, D.C. office of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips.

A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Brown received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University Law School. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Massachusetts bars.