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Over the past 30 years, Tony has been a legal advisor to many of the nation's largest transit systems.

He serves as an important resource to public transit agencies, providing guidance related to project development, proposal review, bid protests, contract negotiations, Section 13(c) issues, transportation financing, and

contract disputes. In addition, Tony helps his clients understand and meet the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Tony works closely with his clients—both from a legal and practical perspective—to solve a variety of challenges unique to the transit sector, keeping in mind the impact of the resolution on all stakeholders involved. For example, he helped a longtime client develop a training and compliance plan that resulted in a nearly 80 percent reduction in a hazmat-related fine. Tony also regularly assists with the procurement of transit equipment as well as service contracts; for a longtime client, he managed the restructuring of its third-party contracts for its fixed route system to reflect an increased ability to oversee and direct transit services in-house.

Partly inspired by his father, who worked for 30 years as a signal maintenance operator for the New York City Transit Authority, Tony began his career at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). There, he was involved in the implementation and enforcement of the Title VI program under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. He also served as staff attorney for the reauthorization of the federal transit program. This experience laid the groundwork for him to fully understand the needs of his clients and successfully guide them to compliance.