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Ray is a seasoned advocate for transportation clients in litigations, private arbitrations, and administrative adjudications. He has briefed dozens of appeals and has a long record of success in the cases he has argued. Ray also leverages his years of government service to represent clients in federal rulemakings and investigations of national significance. Prior to joining Sidley in 2013, Ray was General Counsel of the Surface Transportation Board (STB), an independent federal agency that regulates the interstate freight and passenger railroad industry, as well as certain pipelines, motor carriers, and water carriers. In that role, Ray represented the agency in over 50 appeals before the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals.