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Professional History

- Senior Economist, MiCRA: Microeconomic Consulting and Research Associates, Inc., 2014-2015
- Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Transportation, 2011-2014
- Director, Liaison and Business Development of the Air Traffic Organization ATO, Federal Aviation Administration, 2008-2011
- Legislative Fellow, U. S. Senate, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 2006-2008
- Deputy Assistant Administrator for Financial Services and Deputy CFO, Federal Aviation Administration, 1999-2006
- Deputy Director, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans, Federal Aviation Administration, 1991-1999
- Exchange Executive, Transportation Marketing, IBM Corporation, 1990-1991
- Director, Office of Economics, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1976-1990
- Economic Consultant, Van Scoyoc & Wiskup Inc., 1973-1976

Education

- Ph.D., Economics, West Virginia University
- B.A., Economics, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio
Dissertation, "Comparison of Efficiency Measures of Public and Private Ownership: The Water Utility Case."

John Hennigan is an experienced former government executive, economic analyst, and policymaker. He has continually demonstrated in-depth analytical skills and leadership abilities in increasingly diverse and challenging assignments while working for government agencies, Congress, and the private sector. During his career, he has testified on economic matters, has been a contributing member of numerous critical national or global studies of transportation and environmental policy issues, and has served as an expert to the US Congress on financial issues related to transportation policy.

Areas of Particular Expertise

- » Airline, Railroad, Trucking, and Ocean Shipping industry
- » International Airline Alliances
- » Railroad maximum rate regulation, competitive access, revenue adequacy and exemption from regulations
- » Commercialization of airports and air traffic control services
- » Funding options for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- » Legislative Analysis and rulemaking evaluations in transportation industries
- » Federal funding options for large transportation infrastructure projects
- » Government budgeting and accounting
- » Industrial organization economics
- » Antitrust policy

Professional Experience

- » Recent assignments involved providing testimony on a rulemaking on Railroad Revenue Adequacy in Ex Parte No. 722 before the Surface Transportation Board on November 4, 2014. Also provided testimony on the revenue adequacy of a large Class 1 railroad in a coal transportation rate case, Docket No. NOR 42142, also before the Surface Transportation Board on November 2, 2015.
- » Worked on projects involving competition issues such as price fixing in the air cargo industry, bundling of telecommunication services. Also worked on an analysis of the effectiveness of intermodal competition on class 1 railroad rates in Canada, as part of a submission to the Canada Transportation Act Review Panel in July, 2015.
- » Served on the Department of Transportation team that prepared the analysis review memorandum to the Secretary of Transportation on the US Airways/American Airlines merger application.
- » Participated in the evaluation of applications for Department of Transportation federal low-interest loans, private activity bonds, and loan guarantees for large transportation infrastructure projects such as toll-roads, bridges, ports, railroads, and ship construction.
- » Served as a Federal lead to guide and assist the Financing Subcommittee in developing recommendation for improvements in the funding of aviation systems. This was a major section of the Secretary of Transportation's, Future of Aviation Advisory Committee Report released in April, 2011.
- » Served as a Federal Co-chair of the RTCA, NextGen Mid-Term Implementation Task Force, which was set up to solicit industry and user input on "NextGen", the Federal Aviation Administration's next generation air traffic control system. The report was released by the FAA in 2010.
- » Provided support for the development, drafting and ultimate implementation of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2012 and for oversight of other significant aviation issues.
- » Assisted the FAA's CFO in developing, implementing, and managing FAA's performance and financial systems for enhanced financial management and accountability. During this period, FAA was awarded six clean audit opinions on the FAA's annual financial statements.
- » As the Deputy Director of the FAA's Policy Office I was also tasked to perform special assignments during the 1991-1999 period including serving on the professional staff or leadership positions on the following Commissions or Panels:

- Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), (1992-1995) – Chairman of the Sub-Group on Aircraft Noise and Emissions Standards
 - Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control Corporation Study Report (1993-1994) and subsequent legislative proposal submitted to Congress.
 - White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security (1996-1997). Staff member
 - National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC) (1997). FAA Liaison and Finance Committee staff member
 - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (1997-1999). Lead writer for a chapter of the special report on “Aviation and the Global Environment”
 - Vice President Gore’s – National Partnership for Reinventing Government (1999). Represented the FAA
- » Selected as one of eleven federal government executives in 1990 chosen to participate in the White House sponsored President’s Commission on Executive Exchange program. My assignment was to work in the Transportation Marketing Department of the IBM Corporation for a year. A similar number of private sector executives were also selected for this White House sponsored program. They were each assigned to work in executive positions at specific government agencies while government executives were each assigned to work at specific private-sector companies. Both groups interacted over the year discussing mutual experiences and observations about their assignments.
- » Actively participated in studies, various work groups, and legislative drafting efforts that ultimately resulted in the broad economic deregulation of US surface transportation modes starting in the early 1980’s. This included work related to: railroads, motor carriers of freight and passengers, freight forwarders, and transportation brokers. During this period also served as a senior advisor to two Interstate Commerce Commission Chairmen and was detailed to the U.S. House Committee on Public Works and Transportation in 1981-1982 to provide legislative and oversight support to the Committee.

Honors and Awards

- » Formally recognized for aviation related environmental work in a report, Aviation and the Global Atmosphere, that contributed to the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- » RTCA Achievement Award for leadership of the RTCA NextGen Mid-Term Implementation Task Force, April, 2010.