



## **Michael J. Rush**

### **Senior Vice President – Safety and Operations**

Michael J. Rush currently serves as senior vice president – safety and operations for the Association of American Railroads (AAR), the world’s leading railroad policy, research and standard setting organization for the freight and passenger railroads of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

In this position, Rush serves as the industry’s liaison with regulatory bodies including the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Homeland Security. Among other responsibilities, Rush oversees the rail industry’s homeland security plan, environmental protection and safety programs, and tank car safety standards and design.

Rush has 35 years of experience at AAR, where he most recently served as associate general counsel. In this role, Rush counseled AAR and its member railroads on environment and safety issues and other corporate matters of concern. An expert in regulatory law, Rush represented AAR in various regulatory agency activities including hearings and proceedings as well as drafting comments, briefs, oral arguments and Congressional testimony.

### **Education**

Rush is a graduate, with honors, of the National Law Center, George Washington University. He received a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Wesleyan University.

### **Association of American Railroads**

America's freight railroads operate the safest, most efficient, cost-effective and environmentally sound freight transportation system in the world — and the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is committed to keeping it that way. AAR is the world's leading railroad policy, research and technology organization focusing on the safety and productivity of rail carriers. AAR members include the major freight railroads of the U.S., Canada and Mexico, as well as passenger railroads.