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# Aviation Law

## Profile

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The aviation industry is a global connector of people, goods and services.

While a stakeholder may recognize that an issue requires legal expertise, knowing how to best address it is often challenging. We are preferred because we work closely with clients to clarify objectives from the outset, leading to efficient and productive solutions.

Clients value our team's first-hand industry experience, making us well-equipped to support and anticipate their unique needs in a constantly evolving business landscape to develop responsive, creative, and practical results. Our clients benefit from our technical, regulatory and industry expertise allowing them to evaluate all possible options and quickly make an informed decision. Amongst our veteran lawyers, we have a competent, well-rounded group of junior lawyers and paralegals to assist with the more routine tasks to ensure your matter is dealt with promptly and cost-effectively.

Our team has particular expertise in serving clients on the Pacific Rim, advising on various operational and risk management issues, insurance, product liability, negligence, regulatory compliance and corporate and commercial matters.

Our commercial lawyers have worked with local and cross-border aircraft acquisitions and dispositions involving the U.S., Europe and South America. We have experience with Canadian licensing and registration matters, including structuring to meet Canadian ownership and control requirements. We regularly assist clients with commercial and private aircraft financing, including facilitating registrations in and searches of the International Registry.

We represent insurers, aircraft operators, airlines, airports, pilots, product manufacturers,

and overhaul and repair facilities. We also offer strategic advice for commercial matters including aircraft transactions and registration, financing and service contracts.

To ensure that clients benefit from our fully integrated and multidisciplinary approach, we work collaboratively with our colleagues within the firm to capitalize on their wealth of knowledge. We work with the firm's complementary practice areas, such as business law, employment and labour law, and insurance to offer holistic strategies and achieve optimal outcomes.

Whether you're an insurance company or manufacturer with litigation needs, an operator with regulatory challenges or a service provider of any type in need of industry-specific commercial advice, we understand the ever-changing aviation climate and we will work with you to ensure that results are achieved to best position you in the industry.

Our services include:

- > Risk management and litigation of insured claims
- > Insurance coverage issues
- > Product liability defence
- > Litigation for matters arising from claims in negligence against manufacturers, third-party service providers, repair facilities, operators and pilots
- > Contract drafting and disputes
- > Subrogated claims
- > Regulatory and administrative proceedings concerning Transport Canada, the Canadian Transportation Agency and the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada
- > Commercial transactions including aircraft acquisition, finance, leasing, registration, business structure, service agreements and component leasing

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