

Aviation

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Overview

Putting a plane in the air demands extraordinary coordination of talents and resources: so does competing effectively in today's complex aviation industry.

O'Melveny's interdisciplinary aviation team brings together all the legal resources you need to stay ahead of the crowd. By combining deep industry knowledge with diverse legal skills, we help you achieve your loftiest goals.

What do you want to achieve in aviation?

- **Expand your markets.** As consolidation continues in the airline industry, mergers are a key business strategy. O'Melveny has the resources and experience to guide you through every aspect of your aviation merger, including negotiation, documentation, financing, labor issues, antitrust clearances and merger-related litigation. We've been involved in every significant ownership change since the aviation industry was deregulated in 1978, including the US Airways-American

Airlines merger that created the world's largest airline.

Accolades

"With its national coverage and depth of expertise, the firm's bet-the-company labor and employment litigation practice is very well known."

Legal 500 US

- **Attract and retain key talent.** Automation notwithstanding, aviation is still a people business. We will help you maintain a productive work force during whatever challenges you face, from union disputes to mergers and bankruptcies.
- **Improve infrastructure.** With many of our busiest airports and terminals now outdated and overcrowded, the time is ripe for safer, more efficient facilities. Our lawyers have represented airline sponsors, investor groups and other stakeholders in financing and developing infrastructure projects at more than 35 US airports. Recently, we helped LaGuardia Gateway Partners in its winning bid for redevelopment and operation of LaGuardia Airport's Central Terminal building in what will be one of the world's largest public-private partnerships.
- **Anticipate turbulence.** While every aviation business strives for exemplary safety and service records, perfection is a goal, not a given. We continually have represented major US airlines in high-stakes consumer class action, air crash, passenger removal and general commercial litigation with highly successful results. Our creative, persistent litigators are committed to limiting your liability and achieving the best possible outcome for your business.
- **Evolve with the industry.** As new players and services enter the industry, stay alert to both opportunities and threats. In 2016 we won a US\$15 million lawsuit against on-line booking service Sabre, alleging that it coerced airlines into paying inflated fees and signing anti-competitive contracts. With the jury's decision, the industry will be able to create new sales methods that are more transparent and competitive.
- **Control cyber risk.** With its global databases, itinerant employees and frequent transactions, the aviation industry is an inviting target for cybercrime. Manage your risk with advice from our experienced data security and privacy lawyers. We can help you navigate the changing government regulations surrounding data privacy, and represent you in data breach response, government investigations and civil litigation.

Clients

- Air Lease Corp
- Airports Worldwide
- Alaska Airlines
- American Airlines Group/US Airways
- Asiana Airlines
- Atlas Air Cargo

- China Eastern Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- Gate Gourmet
- Frontier Airlines
- Massachusetts Port Authority
- Republic Airlines
- Spirit Airlines
- Vantage Airport Group
- United Airlines

Related Industries

- Transportation

Related Practices

- Antitrust & Competition
- Capital Markets
- Corporate & Transactional
- ERISA
- Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits
- Labor & Employment
- Project Finance & Development
- Railway Labor Act
- Regulatory & Government Affairs