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Aviation Year in Review

Representative Aviation Clients



The Year in Transactions



US\$1.9 billion acquisition of Hawaiian Airlines



Designated lenders' counsel for financings of more than US\$1 billion for new and used aircraft



Financing for the development of a new terminal and other major upgrades at Tweed New Haven Airport



US\$1.4 billion term loan credit agreement with a new leasing vehicle and the acquisition of a portfolio of seventy aircraft



Acquisitions and dispositions under a US\$600 revolving credit facility with a US aircraft lessor involving more than 30 aircraft



Portfolio sales of aircraft and PDP financing of new purchase orders for multiple airlines



Redevelopment and operation of the Central Terminal at New York LaGuardia Airport



Agreement to build, finance, and operate a new US\$4.2 billion passenger terminal at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)

The Year in Litigation



Airlines for America®

Achieved a trial victory in a declaratory judgment action challenging the application of the State of Massachusetts' paid sick leave law to airline employees on the ground that the law is preempted by the federal Airline Deregulation Act

American

Achieved a win before a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which affirmed the district court's decision dismissing a collective action brought by 600 flight attendants alleging that the voluntary "early out" program American Airlines offered its flight attendants in March 2020—as the surging global COVID-19 pandemic quashed air travel—violated the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act

UNITED

Achieved a win of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which affirmed the district court's dismissal of a putative class action brought by mechanics against their union and United Airlines, alleging the airline violated the mechanics' collective bargaining agreement and ERISA by certain actions related to the company's retirement plans and colluded with the union

American

Prevailed on summary judgment in litigation brought by employees asserting claims for race discrimination, retaliation, and hostile work environment



Counseled airlines and airline trade associations on challenges to corporate DEI programs in the wake of the 2023 Supreme Court decision striking down affirmative action in college admissions

American

Prevailed on a motion to dismiss on Railway Labor Act preemption grounds in a proposed class action claiming American failed to comply with City of Chicago sick leave ordinances

Honors and Awards



2023 Transportation Practice Group of the Year

Law360



Mark W. Robertson Named a 2023 Transportation MVP

Law360



"Notable expertise in the issues affecting airlines under the Railway Labor Act"

Chambers USA



Recognized as a top firm for Aviation Finance

Legal 500 US and UK

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