

Aviation

In today's aviation marketplace, you need a team of legal specialists with vast industry experience and knowledge of how things get done. That's why leading commercial aviation businesses worldwide turn to Katten. We know the industry and have a driving ambition to assist you across every aspect of your company's business.

Deep sector knowledge that helps fuel your business

The aviation industry deals with complex issues and high-value equipment that are vital to the movement of people and goods around the world. It demands attorneys who understand the nuances of the business and provide fully integrated representation of all types of aviation transactions, administrative and regulatory matters, and commercial and bankruptcy litigation.

Whether you're a lessor, manufacturer, financial institution, equity investor, repair facility, parts distributor or insurer, we offer an interdisciplinary approach to meeting your business's unique needs. Partnering with you, we address issues regarding:

Finance

- Buying, selling, leasing and financing new and used aircraft, engines and related equipment around the world
- Structuring investments in commercial aircraft business
- Insuring of aviation assets and bankruptcy, insolvency and workout matters
- Assisting with commercial, legal and tax issues
- Developing innovative structures involving true leases, securitization, enhanced equipment trust certificates, pooled aircraft securitizations, asset preservation, credit enhancement and residual value support

Compliance

- Advising on Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation (DOT) compliance issues, including foreign air carrier permits under Part 211, Part 135 operations and Part 91 flights
- Advising on US citizenship issues before the DOT

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"Skilled in emerging market transactions, aircraft acquisitions and leasing structures. Additional expertise in commercial fleet sales and financing. Particularly active in . . . aircraft portfolio transactions."

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(Nationwide, Transportation:
Aviation: Finance) survey
response***



Litigation

- Representing clients in commercial litigation involving maintenance, return conditions, repossession, indemnities, insurance and other related business issues
- Resolving international disputes
- Addressing climate legislation related to greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft engines and manufacturing facilities

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Chambers High Net Worth*
 - Private Aircraft
 - Global-wide, 2022–2023
- *Chambers USA*
 - Transportation: Aviation: Finance
 - Nationwide, 2009–2024
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Asset Finance and Leasing, 2016–2018
 - Transport
 - Aviation and Air Travel – Finance, 2019–2024