



# Aviation and Aerospace

**McGlinchey's Aviation and Aerospace team represents a range of clients in the aviation and aerospace industry.**

Our clients range from manufacturers of aircraft (fixed-wing, rotary, hot air balloons), spacecraft, and satellites, to airports (commercial and private), fixed base operators, commercial air carriers, and insurers.

We advise on a variety of matters including contractual and operational issues, service contracts, casualty matters, government contracts and government relations, asset purchases and sales, mergers and acquisitions, creditors rights, bankruptcy, restructuring, recovery of aviation collateral, intellectual property, data privacy, airline disputes with passengers, and insurance coverage.

We have extensive experience advising on:

**Airports.** Our work involving airports nationwide includes defending against a myriad of claims including slip and fall accidents, premises liability, security and cargo issues, and passenger disputes.

**Accident investigations and litigation.** Using our in-depth understanding of the technical, mechanical, and engineering issues underlying aircraft crash and incident lawsuits, we defend clients against allegations of causation and negligence. Our experience includes working with the National Transportation Safety Board

(NTSB), the Canadian Transportation Safety Board (CTSB), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) during the often complex and high-stakes investigation process.

**Toxic torts.** We defend aviation and aerospace clients in toxic torts and long-term exposure litigation arising from the use of aviation products, whether in single claimant litigation or in class action claims.

**Airline and Insurance Representation.** Having represented airlines and their insurers for many years, we have considerable experience with contracts of carriage, the Montreal Convention, the Airline Deregulation Act, frequent flyer programs, and related issues. We defend airlines and their insurers against allegations of causation, negligence, intentional acts, and breach of contract.

## What we see on the horizon

Contact your McGlinchey Aviation and Aerospace team for our latest insights about the following:

**Liability and the Passenger Bill of Rights.** Regulations governing how airlines serve their customers – commonly referred to as the “Passenger Bill of Rights” – address ticket pricing, policies related to flight delays and cancellations, overbooked flights and “bumping” of passengers, among other issues. Members of the McGlinchey Aviation and Aerospace team monitor changes in the Passenger Bill of Rights and advise clients on legal risks and opportunities associated with regulations.

**Aerial taxis.** Uber has plans to take ridesharing to the air with an aerial rideshare network as soon as 2023. The network would be served by a fleet of VTOL (vertical takeoff and landing) aircraft in selected U.S. cities and internationally. Our Aviation and Aerospace team follows such technological and service advances closely, ready to address the legal and business issues faced by various players in the industry.

**Montreal Convention.** The international treaty is the successor to the Warsaw Convention and is extremely important to international air carriers. Our Aviation and Aerospace team is up to date on issues surrounding the Convention pertaining to anything from federal court jurisdiction to limitation of claims.

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- Insurance Regulatory and Compliance
- Intellectual Property