

Introduction

Aviation law is constantly evolving in response to challenges facing the industry as a whole. This fourth edition of *Litigating the Aviation Case* continues the tradition of the prior editions in providing an overview and analysis of the current legal issues in aviation litigation by the most prominent names in the aviation legal community. Like the preceding editions, this edition not only updates the prior versions, but provides insight into a number of new issues that have arisen in the last eight years.

The developments highlighted in this edition mirror the significant changes that have taken place in the aviation legal landscape, many of which are responsive to the challenges presented by the multijurisdictional nature of aviation. Although aviation security continues to be a concern, we have seen new legal issues arise along with twists on traditional issues involving jurisdiction, forum non conveniens, preemption, the Montreal Convention, unruly passengers, preservation of evidence, insurance coverage, damages, and the impact of trade sanctions and Medicare on litigation.

This fourth edition provides a solid base of knowledge for the aviation novice as well as the seasoned practitioner with updates on existing issues and identification of the new issues facing the aviation litigator to ensure effective advocacy.

I would like to thank all of the authors for their excellent contributions and Sarah Forbes Orwig of the ABA for her assistance, guidance, and patience in finalizing this fourth edition. The chapters reflect the experiences and insight of this distinguished group of aviation practitioners, and its quality is reflective of their knowledge and skill. We hope this book assists the reader in responding to the always-changing legal issues that are presented in aviation litigation.

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