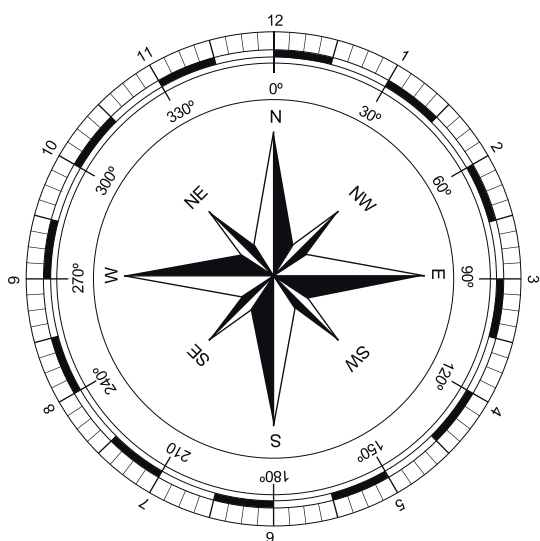


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Paul Briggs is highly valued for his exceptional knowledge of the aviation industry and impressive client service. When it comes to asset finance transactions, he is “totally focused”. Clients also appreciate his ability to make complex details easy to understand.

Chambers UK 2011

Finance specialist Paul Briggs is ‘personable, energetic, focused and clear about the main issues’.

Legal 500 2011

Paul is the Joint Head of the International Aviation Group and has worked in the aviation industry since 1987 in a career covering almost every aspect of the sector. From 1989 to 1991 Paul worked on closing and financing aircraft operating lease deals for GPA and from 1992 to 1995 Paul worked for a law firm in Hong Kong on aircraft finance and commercial matters.

In 1995 Paul joined British Aerospace and became the legal lead of the Group aircraft leasing / financing business. As part of this business Paul helped set up Oasis Leasing in Abu Dhabi (now Waha) and subsequently led the Airbus asset management legal team in Toulouse.

Paul regularly advises leasing companies, airlines and banks on the structure and strategy for deals and drafts and negotiates the needed documents. Paul has been involved in the creation and management of a number of leasing companies and frequently advises on standard form documents and creation of a quality process. Paul has negotiated hundreds of aircraft leasing deals and advised on simple and highly complex aircraft financing structures.

The former BAE systems lawyer comes highly recommended by clients who describe him as “thorough and enthusiastic”.

In the recent edition of Chambers and Partners (2010), Paul received the following mention: [Paul Briggs] “superb aviation knowledge” and “remarkable talent for understanding and reacting to clients’ particular needs.”



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Simon Chamberlain is “sharp, able and comes at any transaction with a can-do attitude.” His involvement in the aviation industry spans three decades, and interviewees highlight his in-house experience as “a tremendous plus.”

Chambers UK 2011

Simon Chamberlain He is ‘a top aviation lawyer, skilled in pretty much anything aviation.’

Legal 500 2010

Simon has spent more than 27 years involved in the aviation industry including 10 years as a senior in-house lawyer at British Airways Plc.

Simon deals primarily with transactional, regulatory and commercial matters in the aviation sector. His work includes on the transactional side; the purchase, sale, financing and leasing of large commercial and corporate aircraft and aircraft engines. His regulatory work includes; airline licensing, route licensing, international aviation agreements and treaties, domestic and international aviation legislation, ATOLs, IATA etc. In addition to the transactional and regulatory work, Simon deals with a broad range of commercial advice on all aspects of the aviation industry. His clients include airlines, aircraft owners and lessors, aircraft financiers, on-line travel companies, aviation service companies, trade associations and other organisations associated with the aviation industry.



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“Robin Springthorpe is especially recommended for his talents in handling regulatory disputes.”

Chambers and Partners 2010

Robin Springthorpe is rated highly for his “all-round brilliance and good judgement about what works and what doesn’t. He has every quality you need in terms of both client relations and analysis of strengths and weaknesses.”

Chambers UK 2011

Robin is the partner who leads the disputes resolution team in the firm’s Aviation sector group. All of his work is for aviation clients, principally aircraft lessors, airlines and airports.

Robin has conducted complex domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration for over 20 years. He has acted at all levels of the English courts and in the major arbitration forums including ad hoc arbitrations under the Arbitration Act 1996 and pursuant to the rules of the LCIA, UNCITRAL and the ICC, as well in proceedings before aviation regulators around the world. He also has experience of alternative dispute resolution techniques such as mediation.

He deals with leasing, insurance coverage, product liability, technical, technology and aircraft deregistration disputes and all other issues which aviation clients encounter.

Robin has advised in respect of disputes involving aircraft in many jurisdictions including the UK, the United States, Mexico, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Sudan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Botswana, Angola, Ghana, Central African Republic, South Africa, France, Spain, Italy, Romania, Russia, UAE, Turkey, Iran, Libya, India and Indonesia.

Robin is ranked in both the Aviation Litigation and Aviation Regulatory sections by Chambers UK 2010 and commended for his experience as an international litigator and arbitrator, his experience representing aircraft leasing companies and his talents in handling regulatory disputes.

Robin is also named described as one of the world’s leading aviation practitioners in International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers: Aviation 2010.

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Paul also represents clients in company law litigation, including shareholders disputes and directors' liability. Paul is multilingual speaking English, French, Dutch and German and advises both Belgian and international clients.

Paul's corporate and commercial practice is recommended amongst others in the Chambers Global directory (edition 2007) with the following comment and client quote: "Bird & Bird's "smart, effective and cost-efficient" corporate practice works across a range of sectors, but can claim particular strengths in finance work and in technology-related cases".



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She also acts in Litigation so called "Industrial risks" and product liability matters in other sectors such as automotive or chemical industry. She has developed widely-recognized expertise in this field, for aeronautical manufacturers as well as for OEM or MRO companies.

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Ulrich specialises in aviation, aerospace, defence and security and other technology industry sectors. He focuses on international and cross-border deals; M&A and large commercial transactions, disposals and reorganisations; private equity & venture capital.

Ulrich joined the Daimler-Benz (later DaimlerChrysler) group in 1985 where he held legal and commercial positions in medical and aerospace for 14 years. He was General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Dornier GmbH from 1992-1998 and Senior Vice President and General Counsel of DaimlerChrysler Aerospace AG from 1998 to 1999.



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He has written and presented many articles and papers on the various aspects of intellectual property law. He is also the author of the book *Enforcing Injunctions* and co-contributor of *Essays on Computer Law*, and general editor of *A Guide to Singapore Patent Law*. He is also the author of the Patent section of the *Halsbury Law of Singapore* and the Singapore chapter on *Claims Construction*. He has been consistently named as a leading IP lawyer in the Asia.



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In addition to the traditional banking and financial services practice, Andrés has provided advice to different participants in the aircraft market, both domestic and international, in relation to acquisition, financing and leasing transaction of these transportation assets, having also represented creditors and lessors affected by bankruptcy scenarios, repossession procedures and asset seizures.

Andrés joined Bird & Bird in January 2007 from Spanish M&A and private equity firm, Araoz & Rueda. Prior to this he worked at Linklaters and Freshfields.



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Jörgen provides a range of contentious and non-contentious advice to clients in the aviation sector.

In the Aviation sector Jörgen has more than 20 years experience in advising on aircraft sale and purchase contracts, leasing contracts, maintenance, service and support contracts for aircraft and aircraft components. Jörgen's non-contentious work is focused on providing corporate and commercial advice to national and international clients in the aviation sector. On the contentious side, Jörgen is an experienced litigator and arbitrator.

Jörgen possesses exceptional knowledge of commercial technical contractual matters combined with commercial acumen. Jörgen has for example not only advised Cargolux on its recent acquisition of a fleet of Boeing 747-8F aircraft, but has previously also advised on Swiss International Air Lines (formerly Crossair) on their acquisition of fleets of Saab 340's, Saab 2000's, Embraer 145's to Embraer 170/190's and Airbus A340's including related warranty and support contracts with the airframe manufacturers and suppliers of main components and systems and has advised Hello AG on leasing of a fleet of MD 90's. He also advised lessors and investors of various lease financing structures, and airlines on maintenance outsourcing.

Jörgen is listed as a leading lawyer in the 2008 edition of The International Who's Who of Aviation Lawyers, as a leading corporate and commercial lawyer in the 2007 edition of European Legal Experts, and is recommended for dispute resolution in the 2008/9 edition of the Corss-border Dispute Resolution Handbook.



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